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## Weekend



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## ENTERTAINMENT

**All Ears:**  
'Horton Hears a Who!' is a charmer. Also, Stephen Chow's 'CJ7'; weekend fun beyond (and including) St. Patrick's Day.

>> **19-31**



## Fire Displaces Hundreds in Mt. Pleasant



**RECOVERY EFFORT:** Firefighters on Thursday retrieve possessions for residents who fled an overnight fire that destroyed an apartment building and church in D.C.'s Mt. Pleasant neighborhood. Two-hundred people were forced from their homes. ♦ **'Blessed':** No one was injured in the blaze | **Page 9**

## Viruses Lurk in New Gadgets

A growing number of devices come vulnerable to hackers

From iPods to navigation systems, some of today's hottest gadgets are landing on store shelves with some unwanted extras from the factory — pre-installed viruses that steal passwords, open doors for hackers and make computers spew spam.

Recent cases reviewed by The Associated Press include some of the most widely used tech devices: Apple iPods, digital picture frames sold by Target and Best Buy stores

and TomTom navigation gear.

In most cases, Chinese factories — where many companies have turned to keep prices low — are the source.

So far, the virus problem appears to come from lax quality control — perhaps a careless worker plugging an infected music player into a factory computer used for testing — rather than organized sabotage by hackers or the Chinese factories.

If a virus is introduced at an earlier stage of production, by a corrupt employee or a hacker when software is uploaded to the gadget, then the problems could be far more serious and widespread.

Knowing how many devices have been sold, or tracking the viruses with any precision, is impossible because of the secrecy of electronics makers and the companies they hire to build their products. But given the nature of mass manufacturing, the numbers could be huge. (AP)



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# eyeOpeners

## PHILOSOPHY

### Neighborhood Votes by Omission, Not Commission

Every vote counts. But what happens when there are no votes at all? That's the situation city officials in Tamarac, Fla., are facing. No voters showed up Wednesday night to cast ballots in an annexation referendum for an unincorporated Broward County community. There are 68 registered voters in the 200-person Prospect Bend neighborhood. Tamarac officials have proposed annexing the neighborhood. Details were mailed to registered voters. If just one voter had shown up, that one vote would have decided the neighborhood's fate. The cost of keeping a polling site open with no voters: \$2,500. (AP)



## VENIAL

### Vatican Declares Candy a New Sin

An eighth-grade honors student in New Haven, Conn., who was suspended for a day, barred from attending an honors dinner and stripped of his title as class vice president after

he was caught with contraband candy in school will get his student council post back, school officials said. Superintendent Reginald Mayo said late Wednesday that he and Principal Eleanor Turner met with student Michael Sheridan's parents, and that Turner decided to clear the boy's record and restore him to his post. (AP)



ROSAN RAHMAN/AP/GETTY IMAGES

## FEMINIZATION

### Crimson Dyed

On display until June 8 at the National Museum of Singapore: a fiber-glass replica of Michelangelo's "David." Measuring 8 1/2 meters tall, the new and improved version is dressed in crimson and gold "kebaya," a form of handmade brocade usually produced for traditional women's blouses. Now, everyone who doesn't understand modern art, turn to your Metro seatmate and say, "I could cover a statue in fabric." (EXPRESS)



DAVID GILIAN/AP

Next: Paint a Scion xB as an ambulance.

## IMPRACTICAL

### Police Explore Use Of 2-Door Hatchback

Jessie Vigil's black-and-white car sports a red-and-blue emergency bar across the top and the word "police" painted on the doors. Vigil, however, isn't a cop. New Mexico law enforcement agencies say what he's done with his car isn't illegal as long as he doesn't act like a police officer. He started decorating his 2007 Ford Mustang last summer to look like the police cruiser in the "Transformers" movie because his 7-year-old son, Thomas, was fond of the film. (AP)



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**HEAVY-HANDED:** City officials in Danbury, Conn., are being sued by a 15-year-old student caught sleeping in class. The suit claims the student suffered painful hearing damage when his teacher woke him up by slamming her hand on his desk.

## Nation

### In Brief

**DURHAM, N.C.**

#### Suspect in UNC Slaying Also Charged in Killing at Duke

A suspect in the slaying of a University of North Carolina student leader was charged Thursday with the killing of a graduate student at Duke University, authorities said.



Lovette

Police charged Lawrence Alvin Lovette Jr., 17, with first-degree murder in the death of Abhijit Mahato hours after he surrendered in the death

of UNC student body president Eve Carson. It was not immediately clear how, or whether, the two cases were connected. The Duke and UNC campuses are less than 10 miles apart, and it appeared robbery was involved in both deaths. (AP)

**NESS CITY, KAN.**

#### Sheriff: Man Should Face Charge in Toilet Incident

A man should be charged for allowing his girlfriend to sit on their toilet so long that her body became stuck to the seat, the sheriff said Thursday. Ness County Sheriff Bryan Whipple was among authorities who discovered the woman last month living in the bathroom of a mobile home she shared with her boyfriend, Kory McFarren. Whipple asked the county attorney to charge McFarren for mistreatment of a dependent adult. The prosecutor did not return phone calls seeking comment. (AP)

# Report: FBI Misused Powers in '06

## Agency says privacy violations predate current reform efforts

WASHINGTON | Top-level FBI counterterrorism executives issued improper blanket demands in 2006 for the records of 3,860 telephone lines to justify the fact that agents already had obtained the data using an illegal procedure that is now prohibited, the Justice Department inspector general reported Thursday.

### NOT CRIMINAL

→ In written statements, both the FBI and the Justice Department noted that the 2006 abuses occurred before Fine's first report brought problems to light last year and led to new procedures. Neither of Fine's reports cited any criminal intent; he blamed even illegal procedures on mistakes, poor training and record-keeping, and short resources.

Glenn A. Fine also reported that in one case FBI anti-terrorism agents circumvented a federal court that twice had refused a warrant for personal records because the judges believed the agents were investigating conduct protected by the First Amendment.

Fine said the agents got the records using national security letters, which do not require a judge's approval, without altering or re-examining the basis of their suspicions — the target's association with others under investigation.

These findings were highlighted in Fine's second report in two years on how the FBI has used broad authority to gather personal information about Americans granted by the USA Patriot Act and other statutes.

Overall, Fine's new report found, as expected, that FBI privacy abuse during terrorism investigations continued to rise in 2006. He reserved judgment on whether corrective actions under way will work.

"It is too early to tell whether these measures will eliminate fully the problems," Fine said. (AP)

**MADISON, WIS. | THE BIG CHEESES**



**SLICE OF GLORY:** Tim Czmowski, second from left, pulls a plug of gruyere cheese on Thursday at a judging table during the 2008 World Championship Cheese Contest in Wisconsin. Two cheese makers from Switzerland and one from Italy emerged Thursday as the top three winners in the annual contest, beating out almost 2,000 competing entries.

## Man Accused Of Stealing From GOP Committee

WASHINGTON | The committee in charge of running House Republican campaigns said Thursday that a former treasurer "deceived and betrayed" the group, which is missing hundreds of thousands of dollars — and possibly more — due to fraudulent acts conducted over the past several years.

Republican officials said the former employee, Chris Ward, apparently "made several hundred thousand dollars in unauthorized transfers of NRCC funds to outside committees whose bank accounts he had access to" over several years. Ward's lawyer did not return a phone call seeking comment Thursday. (AP)

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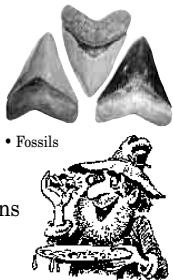
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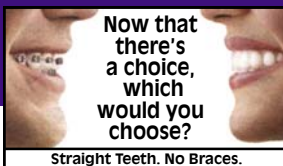
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# Nation

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# 'Founding Mothers' Traced

## Six women identified as ancestors of most American Indians

NEW YORK | Nearly all of today's American Indians in North, Central and South America can trace part of their ancestry to six women whose descendants immigrated around 20,000 years ago, a DNA study suggests.

Those women left a particular DNA legacy that persists to today in about 95 percent of American Indians, researchers said.

The finding does not mean that only these six women gave rise to the migrants who crossed into North America from Asia in the initial

### GENETIC TRAIL

→ Researchers traced the history of a particular kind of DNA that represents just a fraction of the human genetic material.

→ This DNA is found in the mitochondria, the power plants of cells. This DNA is passed along only by the mother, so it follows a lineage that connects a person to his or her mother, then the mother's mother, and so on.

The work was published this week by the journal PLoS One.

The six "founding mothers" apparently did not live in Asia, because the DNA signatures they left behind aren't found there, Perego said. They probably lived in Beringia, the now-submerged land bridge that stretched to North America, he said.

Connie Mulligan of the University of Florida, an anthropologist who studies the colonization of the Americas but didn't participate in the new work, said it's not surprising to trace the mitochondrial DNA to six women. "It's an OK number to start with right now," but further work may change it slightly, she said. MALCOLM RITTER (AP)

populating of the continent, said study co-author Ugo Perego.

The women lived between 18,000 and 21,000 years ago, though not necessarily at exactly the same time, he said.



New York Lt. Gov. David Paterson talks to reporters in Albany, N.Y. Paterson will become New York's governor on Monday.

# Paterson Says He Is Ready to Lead

## New N.Y. governor faces budget challenge after Spitzer scandal

ALBANY, N.Y. | Lt. Gov. David Paterson, who will take over as New York's governor following Gov. Eliot Spitzer's dramatic fall from power in a prostitution scandal, said Thursday he is ready to lead and "get New York back on track."

At a news conference at the state

Capitol, Paterson said he promised Spitzer when he accepted the job as lieutenant governor that he would be prepared to take command of the state if necessary. "I am prepared," Paterson said.

"I promised the governor yesterday that I would commit myself to the people of this great state, that we would have stability and continue in these challenges that lie ahead. Now we have to get New York back on track," Paterson said.

Paterson takes over on Monday and will become New York's first black governor and the nation's first legally blind chief executive.

One of his first tasks will be working with lawmakers to close a \$4.7 billion deficit and broker a deal by April 1 on a \$124 billion budget proposed by Spitzer.

"We cannot afford to waste another second. We have a budget that's due and a deadline to meet," Paterson said. VALERIE BAUMAN (AP)





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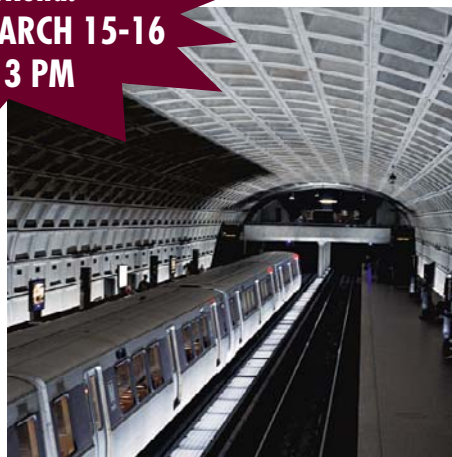
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## World

# U.S. Strike Kills Pakistani Civilians

**Troops in Afghanistan target militants but hit women and children**

TANGRAI, PAKISTAN | U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan fired across the border into Pakistan in a strike targeting Taliban militants, and the Pakistani army said Thursday that civilians were killed.

A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan said troops used "precision-guided munitions"

to strike a compound about a mile inside Pakistan on Wednesday. Maj. Chris Belcher said the troops were responding to an "imminent threat" and that the coalition informed Pakistani authorities after the strike.

In Tangrai, a village of about 40 houses surrounded by fields and mountains, residents led an Associated Press reporter to the rubble of a house hit in the attack. Only one of its four walls was standing amid a tangle of mud bricks, bedding and cooking pots.

### SUICIDE CAR BOMB KILLS 6 AFGHAN CIVILIANS

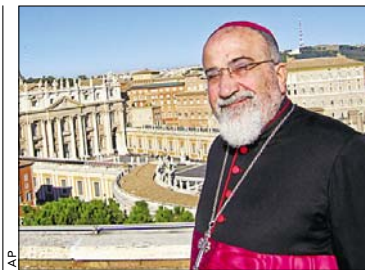
→ A suicide car bomb attack on a convoy of U.S. troops left six Afghan civilians dead in Kabul, U.S. and Afghan officials said Thursday. None of the four American troops was badly wounded in the attack, said Lt. Col. David Johnson, a spokesman for U.S. forces. (AP)

Noor Khan, who said the house was his family home, said six of his relatives — four women and two boys — died in the attack.

The Pakistani army said four civilians — two women and two children — died. There was no way to resolve the numbers discrepancy.

It was not clear whether the coalition forces fired from the ground or the air or what weapons were used. Belcher said he could not detail the threat.

HASBUNALLAH KHAN (AP)



Paulos Faraj Rahho, shown at the Vatican in '07, was found dead Thursday.

## Archbishop Who Was Kidnapped Is Dead in N. Iraq

BAGHDAD | The body of a Chaldean Catholic archbishop was found in a shallow grave in northern Iraq on Thursday, two weeks after he was kidnapped by gunmen in one of the most dramatic attacks against the country's small Christian community.

The discovery of Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho's body came on a day that saw more violence elsewhere in Iraq. A car bomb exploded in central Baghdad, killing 18 people and wounding dozens more, police said. Gunmen also killed five members of an anti-al-Qaeda group near Tikrit and a correspondent for a newspaper in Baghdad.

Pope Benedict XVI deplored Rahho's death, calling it an "inhuman act of violence." Since 2003, Iraqi Christians have been targeted by Islamic extremists.

Rahho, 65, was seized on Feb. 29 after he delivered a Mass in Mosul. There have been no claims of responsibility for his kidnapping or death. SAMEER N. YACCOUB (AP)

## Gaza Rockets Barrage Israel

JERUSALEM | Palestinians fired dozens of rockets at southern Israel Thursday after Israeli undercover forces killed one of their West Bank leaders.

The Islamic Jihad commander, Mohammed Shehadeh, and three other gunmen killed in the previous day's raid were buried in Bethlehem on Thursday. (AP)

### HEARSAY | MIDEAST

**"Our people in Jerusalem are under an ethnic cleansing campaign."**

— MAHMOUD ABBAS, PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT, IN SENEGAL THURSDAY. HE SAID ISRAEL AIMED TO FORCE PALESTINIANS OUT OF JERUSALEM WITH POLICIES LIKE TAX HIKES.

## Tibetan Exiles Begin Hunger Strike

**Indian police arrest protesters who were marching to Tibet**

DEHRA, INDIA | More than 100 Tibetan exiles began a hunger strike Thursday after police in northern India dragged them away from a six-month march to their homeland to protest China's hosting of the Olympic Games.

The demonstrators had vowed to march from India to Tibet to coincide with the start of the Aug. 8-24 games. Indian officials — fearing the march would embarrass China — banned the exiles from leaving the Kangra district that surrounds the city of Dharmasala — the headquarters of the Tibetan government-in-exile in India.

The exiles resisted arrest by sit-



Indian police detain a Tibetan exile in Dehra, India, on Thursday. The exiles had been marching to Tibet as a protest against China's Olympic Games in August.

ting or lying down, but they were hauled into police buses. Some wept or shouted "Free Tibet!", but there was no violence, witnesses said.

Senior police official Atul Ful-

zele said the protesters were charged with threatening the region's "peace and tranquility." Despite the arrests, organizers vowed to continue the march. ASHWINI BHATIA (AP)

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## World



"Afghan Star" contestant Lima Sahar sings in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday. Sahar is the first woman to be a top-three contender on the singing show.

## Woman Hits Note In Afghan Contest

Singer's achievements on 'American Idol'-like show irk conservatives

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | In a first for post-Taliban Afghanistan, a woman from the conservative Pash-tun belt is one of the top three contenders in the country's version of "American Idol."

Conservative detractors decry the fact an Afghan woman has found success singing on television, while others — younger Afghans — say the show is helping women progress. Under the Taliban regime that was overthrown in 2001, women were not even allowed out of their homes unaccompanied, and music and television were banned.

With her hair tucked under a wispy blue head scarf, Lima Sahar brushes off her critics, saying there can be no progress for women without upsetting the status quo. "No pain, no gain," she told reporters

**Sahar says she's just the latest in a long tradition of Afghan artists.**

Wednesday in Kabul.

Sahar beat out 2,000 other hopefuls who auditioned for the third season of "Afghan Star."

On Friday, the six-month-long TV show will name the final two contestants, based on votes sent in from viewers via text message.

Afghanistan's conservative cleric's council has voiced its disdain for the show to President Hamid Karzai. Sahar says she's just the latest in a long tradition of Afghan artists — albeit in a more modern form.

"Artists are historical and cultural in our country," Saharsaid. "I came by the vote of the people of Afghanistan." JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

## Survey: Most Of Iran Will Vote

TEHRAN, IRAN | A survey has shown that most Iranian voters plan to cast their ballots in Iran's Friday parliamentary elections, which conservative hard-liners are expected to win, the official IRNA news agency said Thursday.

The survey foresees a voter turnout of about 50 percent in Tehran,

the capital, and 60 percent in other major cities for parliamentary elections on Friday — up from 51 percent nationwide in the previous 2004 vote — IRNA said.

About 15,000 eligible voters were canvassed for the survey last week in Tehran and other big cities, IRNA said.

Pro-government candidates are expected to win about 28 percent of the votes in Tehran and 30 percent in other cities, IRNA said. (AP)

# "GENIUS!"

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**ICING ON THE STATE:** Smith Island cake is one step closer to being Maryland's official state dessert. The Senate has unanimously agreed to add the multilayered cake to the list of state symbols, which includes blue crabs and terrapin turtles.

## Local

# NW Fire Forces 200 Out of Homes

## Five-alarm blaze in Mt. Pleasant destroys apartments, church

WASHINGTON | A massive fire ravaged a District of Columbia apartment building, forcing the evacuation of several neighboring buildings and damaging a church.

No residents were injured as flames engulfed the four-story building in the city's Mount Pleasant neighborhood, but about 200 people were forced from their homes, authorities said.

Fire department spokesman Alan Etter said the fire broke out Wednesday shortly before midnight, and responding crews initially focused on rescuing residents.



Several hundred people were displaced when a fire burned down an apartment building in Mt. Pleasant and destroyed the Meridian Hill Baptist Church Wednesday.

He said most of the building was destroyed.

Some people climbed down fire ladders, while firefighters carried others out of the building, authorities said. Many people were loaded onto buses to stay warm.

Hundreds of firefighters from D.C., Maryland and Virginia responded to the five-alarm blaze, which continued to smolder hours later, Etter said. "We're blessed that no civilians were injured," Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said at a news conference Thursday.

Flames that shot from the roof of the apartment building spread to the Meridian Hill Baptist Church, damaging its roof, Etter said.

Other nearby buildings were evacuated as a precaution, but were not damaged. (AP)

## Cellphone Ban Bill Still Alive

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | A long-debated measure to ban the use of handheld cellphones while driving could be approved by the Maryland Senate next week — although its supporters say its on life support.

The bill would fine drivers \$50 for talking on phones while driving without using hands-free devices. The proposal would allow cell phone fines only as secondary offenses, meaning a police officer would not be allowed to pull over a driver simply for using the phone. Text messaging while driving would also be banned.

This year marks the first time handheld phone bans have made it to full debates in either chamber of Maryland's legislature. But the bill almost died Thursday when a senator said he misunderstood an amendment that would have removed the prohibition on talking on handheld cellphones in favor of a ban only on text messaging while driving. The amendment, approved 23-22 after a tense debate, would have meant almost certain death for the bill, because the House of Delegates has already rejected text message bans twice this year. (AP)

# Study: Graduations Aid Crime Costs

## Report says raising graduation rates could save D.C. \$70M yearly

The District annually would save \$70 million a year in crime-related costs if the male graduation rate increased by 5 percent, a study prepared by an independent policy and research organization concluded yesterday.

The "State Card" report, prepared by the Washington-based Alliance for Excellent Education, compiled new data from several studies to highlight D.C.'s low graduation rates and standardized test scores and wide achievement gap between white and minority students.

### HOW THEY RANK

The Alliance for Excellent Education's report found the following results for D.C. public schools:

- 58.2 percent of seniors graduated last year from D.C. public high schools, compared with 70 percent nationwide
- 86 percent of white students graduated in D.C., compared with 76 percent nationwide.
- 59 percent of black students graduated in the city, compared with 53 percent nationwide.
- 40 percent of Hispanic students graduated, compared with 58 percent nationwide.

Bob Wise, president of the Alliance, said the data could be used to gauge over time how graduation rates and achievement levels are affected by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's takeover of the schools.

"In D.C., you can use it as a baseline. D.C. is one of the key areas [that will be] looked at and scrutinized," Wise said.

According to the study, 2,400 students failed to graduate from D.C. public high schools last year. It asserts that the dropouts will lose \$615 million in lifetime earnings. Moreover, the study says that the city would save more than \$20 million in health care costs during their lifetime if they had graduated.

V. DION HAYNES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

### HEARSAY | TECH TAX

"It is an incredibly bad idea to put a roadblock in the way of information technology."

—SEN. ROBERT ZIRKIN, D, BALTIMORE COUNTY, WHO INTRODUCED A BILL THURSDAY TO UNDO THE MARYLAND COMPUTER SALES TAX, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY GOV. MARTIN O'MALLEY.

## The Lotteries

Thursday, March 13

### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-7-1
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	3-9-4
Mid-day DC 4	3-9-9-3
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	1-8-2-1
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	5-8-9-20-32
Daily 6 (Wed.)	4-6-15-20-26-27 Bonus: 12
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	9-17-21-24-32 (16)

### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-1-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-1-4
Mid-day Pick 4	2-0-6-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-1-8-8
Match 5 (Wed.)	2-7-13-20-25 Bonus: 18
Lotto (Wed.)	10-18-23-28-29-35

### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	1-0-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-2-9
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	2-8-3-2

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-4-7-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	1-17-20-21-24
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	6-7-20-31-32
Win for Life (Wed.)	4-5-21-24-25-42

### MULTI-STATE GAMES

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## Panel Calls for Tighter Regulation of Lenders

Treasury secretary says oversight needed to avoid another crisis

WASHINGTON | Economic policy-makers on Thursday recommended stricter regulation of mortgage lenders as part of a broad effort to prevent a repeat of a credit crisis threatening to drive the country into recession.

With problems in the credit and housing markets worsening, the Bush administration now seems to favor a larger role for government — an approach Republicans generally have had little appetite for.

Recommendations from a presidential advisory group on financial markets cover mortgage lenders,

as well as investors, credit ratings agencies and regulators.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who leads that group, said the suggested actions are intended to avoid another meltdown in the credit and housing markets.



Paulson

Federal and state regulators should strengthen oversight of mortgage lenders, according to the group's report released Thursday. Also, states should follow uniform licensing standards for mortgage brokers. No such nationwide system exists, although legislation in Congress would create one. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GateHouse	5.86	+.96	+19.6
WCI Cmts	3.36	+.43	+14.7
Indymac	5.77	+.72	+14.3
Meritage	15.69	+1.90	+13.8
BeazrHm If	8.17	+.98	+13.6

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VirginM n	2.46	-1.74	-41.4
Thornbg	2.26	-.59	-20.7
TriMas n	5.66	-1.11	-16.4
GlobPtrs	22.50	-3.80	-14.4
MFA Mtg	6.00	-.90	-13.0

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BrookeCp	3.50	+.99	+39.4
RXi Phm n	13.60	+3.09	+29.4
CumMed	6.25	+1.35	+27.6
ChinaFire n	7.57	+1.61	+26.9
Iomai	1.05	-.01	-0.8

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AspectMed	5.64	-4.63	-45.1
PeopEduc	2.27	-.52	-18.6
SigmaDsg	21.10	-4.16	-16.5
TandyBr	5.64	-1.11	-16.4
RandCap	4.05	-.70	-14.7

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4928	.4940	.5180
Canadian Dollar	.9861	.9905	1.1732
European Euro	.6416	.6441	.7578
Japanese Yen	102.04	102.04	116.52
Mexican Peso	10.7643	10.7759	11.1912
Taiwanese Dollar	30.67	30.77	33.00

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+35.50	+19.74	+6.71
+0.29	+0.88	+0.51
12145.74	2263.61	1315.48

### Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	52.55	+1.21	-6.4
Allergan s	56.67	+.11	-11.8
AstraZen	37.55	-.78	-12.3
BarrPhm	46.55	-.51	-12.3
BrMySq	21.41	+.05	-18.3
Cephln	60.03	-.13	-16.3
ForestLab	39.20	+.91	+7.5
Hospira	42.45	+.07	-.4
JohnJn	62.81	+.26	-5.8
LillyEli	49.16	-.62	-7.9
Merck	41.93	-.52	-27.8
Pfizer	21.21	-.07	-6.7
SchergPl	19.20	-.40	-27.9
WarnerChil	16.40	+.12	-7.5
Wyeth	40.28	-.37	-8.8

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# Sunday in The Washington Post



**REFLECTING TOOL:** The National Cathedral offers several serene scenes, including the Bishop's Garden, where you can reflect.

## Inspiration Sites

**D.C. offers myriad spots to reflect when in need of a big idea**

**IN SUNDAY SOURCE** | Sometimes it's hard to think. You're staring at a blank screen, waiting for the Big Thought to pop into your head. And the Big Thought has obviously missed its train.

You need something: a quiet place that's perfect for reflection, a scene that will send your spirits soaring, a way to focus your mind on the matter at hand or help block out the matter altogether.

Here are a few of our favorite places to visit to be inspired, to sit and peacefully ponder or to refresh our noggins:

### As Quiet as the Dead

If you're looking for peace and quiet, where better to find it than at a cemetery? If you want more — say, thought-provoking art — head to Rock Creek Cemetery, home to the quietly famous memorial to Marian "Clover" Adams.

The piece was commissioned by Adams' husband, journalist and historian Henry Adams, after his wife's suicide in 1885. Henry Adams was

decidedly quiet on the subject of his wife, and the memorial, created by sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, is equally mysterious.

There is no marker declaring who lies beneath it, and Adams preferred not to name it, although it has come to be called "Grief" over the years. Cloaked in a shield of yews, its focal point is an androgynous bronze figure. Is it a she? And that look on its face is ... what? Serene? Despairing? Adams never said exactly what he was going for. He once wrote that the "interest of the figure was not in its meaning but in the response of the observer."

### A Garden Fit for a Bishop

An inscription on one of the gates to Washington National Cathedral's Bishop's Garden reads, "They shall enter into peace that enter in at these gates," which, you have to admit, bodes well if you're looking for a quiet spot in which to collect your thoughts.

The garden on the south side of the cathedral was designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. and opened in the summer of 1926. Nestled within its gates and sheltered by boxwoods and holly trees are a handful of benches, perfect for your much-needed moment of reflection.

### for more ...

#### IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Find the locations of these contemplative sites and more ideas about where to go for inspiration without leaving the Washington area.

**IN** The Washington Post

### George Washington's Seat

George Washington once wrote that no other estate in America "is more pleasantly situated than this," and it's hard to disagree. Certainly, it's hard not to feel something when you first walk around the side of George's old house and the sweeping view of Mount Vernon's west lawn and the Potomac River unfolds.

On busy days, you may have to elbow your way past fellow gawkers, since nearly 1 million people visit each year. But, it's a big lawn, so just find a chunk of green and sprawl. In quieter times, you can nab a seat in one of the high-backed wooden chairs that line the long patio where George and Martha once ate and entertained. Just sit and think, like George. **CHRISTINA BREDIA ANTONIADES (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)**

**4 more reasons to read**

THESE STORIES AND MORE THIS SUNDAY



### → 'Lost' Answers

Web sites and blogs are proliferating like weeds as fans seek to find answers to the nagging questions on the popular castaway series "Lost." Are the answers worth the effort of the search? **STYLE & ARTS**

### → Five Years Later

As the fifth anniversary of the launching of the effort to topple Saddam Hussein nears, several new books chronicle the war's effects. **BOOK WORLD**

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Landlines. Mix tapes. Floppy discs. Cash. Things we once took for granted are disappearing from our lives. We look at what we're losing. **MAGAZINE**

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## TV Lineup



Jessie Sapp and the Hoyas are shooting for their second straight Big East title.

## friday

**4:45 P.M.** American University and Colgate are on national TV playing for a chance to make the NCAA tournament. ESPN2

**7 P.M.** The Capitals host division rival Atlanta, needing every win to stay in the playoff hunt. CSN

## saturday

**11:30 A.M.** College hoops start early with the Conference USA championship game. CBS

**6 P.M.** The Pac-10 championship game is in Los Angeles. CBS

**6 P.M.** Meanwhile, the A-10 title game is in Atlantic City. ESPN2

**7 P.M.** Caron Butler and the Wizards stay in D.C. and host the Clippers at Verizon Center. CSN

**9 P.M.** Will Georgetown be able to repeat as Big East champs? The title game is Saturday night. ESPN

## sunday

**1 P.M.** The SEC's best are in Atlanta for Sunday's championship game. CBS

**1 P.M.** At the same time in Charlotte, N.C., the ACC's best are shooting for a title. ESPN

**3 P.M.** Then, the Big 12 tournament wraps up in Missouri. ESPN

**3 P.M.** The Caps play the Bruins in their last home game before playing six straight on the road. CSN

**3:30 P.M.** Big Ten is the last of the conference tourneys to finish. CBS

**6 P.M.** Then, what everyone's been waiting for all weekend: the NCAA selection show. CBS



Fans with "Go Eagles" painted on their chests watched American beat Army last Sunday to make it to the Patriot League final on Friday. The Eagles will host Colgate.

# American Dream

## AU can make history with a win in Friday's Patriot League final

**AU HOOPS** | For five days, the players on the American University basketball team have had nothing to think about except the biggest game of their careers.

The Eagles' last game was Sunday, the rest of the students are off campus because of spring break, and night after night they've had to watch team after team punch its ticket to the big dance while they waited their turn.

"I had a chance to watch San Diego beat Gonzaga; I had a chance to watch the Butler game and the Oral Roberts game," said junior guard Garrison Carr. "I've had a chance to watch a lot of games on TV, and it just makes me excited and more anxious to go out on the

court and play."

On Friday, he'll finally get his chance. The Eagles host Colgate in the Patriot League final for a shot at history: A win would grant the school its first trip to the NCAA tournament.

The players know the history. American has been to the conference final three times since joining the league in 2001, coach Jeff Jones' first year with the program. They lost all three, including a home game that first year, and haven't made it back to the final since 2004.

The job was made harder this week by the loss of Bryce Simon, who was one of two players to start every game during the regular season. Simon was injured during Sunday's semifinal win over Army and will not play on Friday.

Of course, the Eagles players say they've put Simon's injury

**NOTHING'S CERTAIN**  
**American, the No. 1 seed in the Patriot League, is the favorite to win the conference title:**

→ But Jeff Jones has coached the Eagles to three conference championship games in his eight years at the school and has yet to win a title. This year, even the worst team in the Patriot League had five conference wins, and the four first-round games in the tournament were decided by eight points — and included four overtimes. Can you say anybody's ballgame?

and the historical significance of Friday's game out of their minds. But it doesn't take much prodding for many of them to let slip the admission that a chance to make the NCAA tournament has been in the back of their minds all week.

"I'm so anxious for Friday to get here," junior guard Derrick Mercer said.

Jones has repeatedly told his players not to be seduced by the attention from the media and the hype from the fans (the players say there's a Facebook group encouraging students to come back for the game, and before Wednesday's practice, the team was bombarded with more media "than we've ever had come out for AU basketball," Jones said).

He started preaching that mind-set immediately after the team's semifinal win on Sunday, but even he said it's difficult to not start thinking about Friday.

"Waiting is like pulling teeth," he said. "Coaches worry anyway, but then you have a game with this much at this stake and you have this much time — it hasn't been easy." IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

**BASEBALL | Juiced Price?** An auction house says a Colorado man has decided to sell the baseball Barry Bonds hit for career homer No. 762, and it could fetch \$1 million. SCP Auctions said Thursday that Jameson Sutton, 24, has decided to sell the ball in an online auction starting March 31.



The Giants didn't re-sign the 43-year-old Bonds, and the home run king faces perjury and obstruction charges stemming from a steroids investigation. If Bonds doesn't return, No. 762 would remain the major league record for career homers for the foreseeable future. (AP)



# 3-Point Attack Prevails

Hoyas hit 17 3's in win over Villanova, tying the tournament record

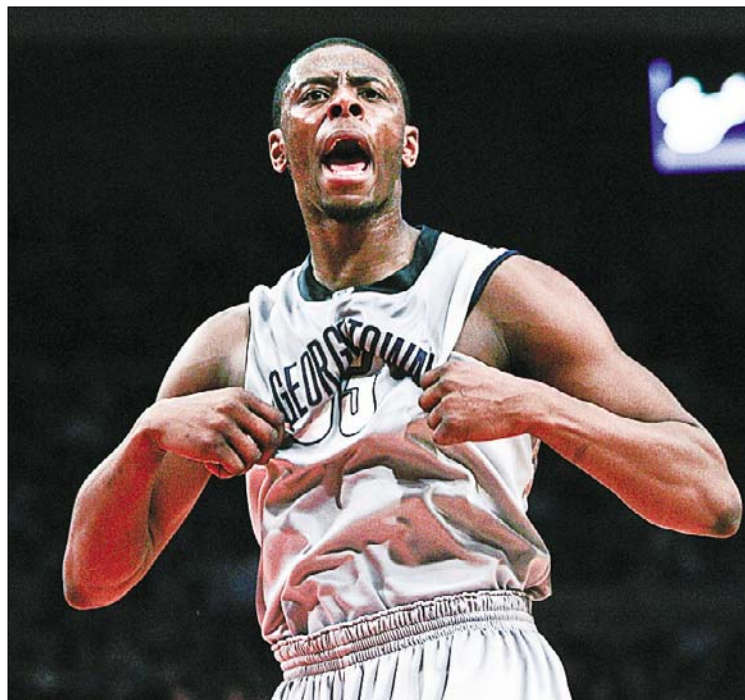
HOYAS | Austin Freeman missed Georgetown's first shot, a 3-pointer the Hoyas rebounded and kicked out to DaJuan Summers for another 3 try that hit nothing but net.

That was only the start.

Jessie Sapp scored a career-high 23 points and No. 9 Georgetown tied a Big East tournament record with 17 3-pointers, fending off a second-half comeback to beat Villanova 82-63 on Thursday.

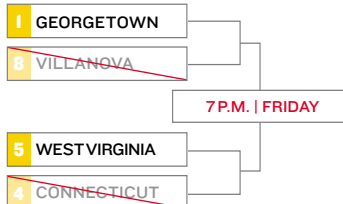
Jonathan Wallace hit five 3's and scored 19 of his 20 points in the first half for the defending champion Hoyas (26-4), who improved to 13-0 when they are the top seed in the conference tournament.

"We didn't feel bad at halftime,"



Patrick Ewing Jr.'s Hoyas jumped out to an early lead and survived a second-half run.

## BRACKET CLOSE-UP



Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "I think they made 10 3's at halftime and we said, 'All right, they can't keep making all of these.'"

But the Hoyas nearly did, finishing 17-of-28 from beyond the arc to set a school record for 3's in a game.

"We told our guys to be ready to shoot," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. "You're going to be open, put the ball in the basket. Make shots." DAVE SKRETTA (AP)

## Alexander's 34 Points Lead W.Va. Past Conn.

COLLEGE HOOPS | Joe Alexander continued his scoring streak with a career-high 34 points and West Virginia beat No. 15 Connecticut 78-72 on Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

The fifth-seeded Mountaineers (25-7) will play top-seeded and ninth-ranked Georgetown in the semifinals Friday night. It will be West Virginia's second appearance in the tournament's final four — it lost in the 2005 championship game.

The coach of that team was John Beilein. Bob Huggins has gotten the Mountaineers that far in his first season at his alma mater.

Alexander is averaging 29.8 points over his last five games, a streak that started with a then-career high 32 points in a 79-71 loss to Connecticut on March 1. (AP)

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## Terps Fall Out Of NCAA Hunt

**THE MARYLAND TERRAPINS** remind me of Helen Hunt. And, yes, I mean the men's basketball team.

Not long after Gary Williams arrived to rebuild his alma mater's shattered program, the Terps were a very good, if not great, team. At the height of the sitcom "Mad About You," Maryland was a virtual lock to reach the Sweet 16 each year.

Hunt won Emmys for the sitcom, but what are the TV awards compared to the Oscars? No one's better qualified to answer that question than Hunt, who went from moderate star to the A-list, as in Academy Award winner.

Only then did the same curse to plague many of Oscar's best actresses befall our heroine, who has rarely been heard from since.

Similarly, Williams' Terps had

their moment, too. The good team became great, reaching the Final Four twice and winning the championship in 2002.

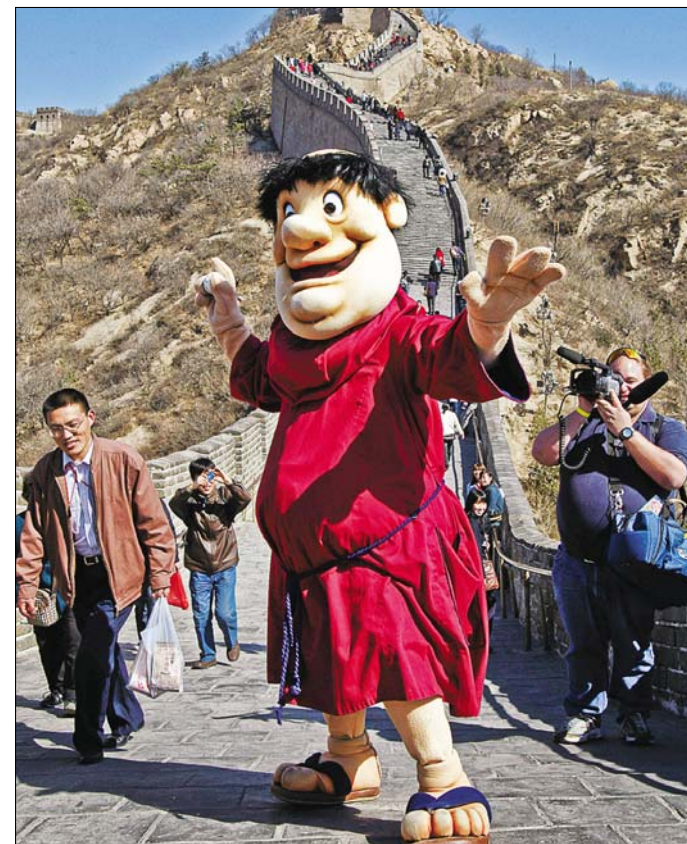
Since then, Maryland's seasons have resembled twisters — they're full of flashes of brilliance but, more often than we would like, they self-destruct before March Madness.

Even with a presumed win Thursday over Boston College (the game ended after Express' deadline), it would take a miracle for the Terps to dance this year. A third NIT in four years awaits Williams' squad.

The polish is off the golden trophy. Perhaps the championship was an overachievement, but Maryland belongs in the big dance. Late-season scrambles are for middling squads and lesser coaches than Williams.

Surely, this is not as good as it gets.

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**RYAN ZIMMERMAN, 3B, Nationals.** The new park should do wonders for his home run totals.

**FELIX HERNANDEZ, SP, Mariners.** Adding Bedard takes some pressure off this burgeoning ace.

**JEFF FRANCOEUR, RF, Braves.** The Braves' next star had 19 homers and 105 RBI last year and is only getting better.

**ADAM JONES, CF, Orioles.** Luckily for the O's, his nickname isn't Pac-Man.

**DAVID ORTIZ, 1B/DH, Red Sox.** Big Papi is healthy this year. Watch out, AL.

**EVAN LONGORIA, 3B, Rays.** "Desperate Housewives" star's name aside, he is one of the top prospects in baseball.

**JIMMY ROLLINS, SS, Phillies.** He would guarantee you a playoff spot if this were real.

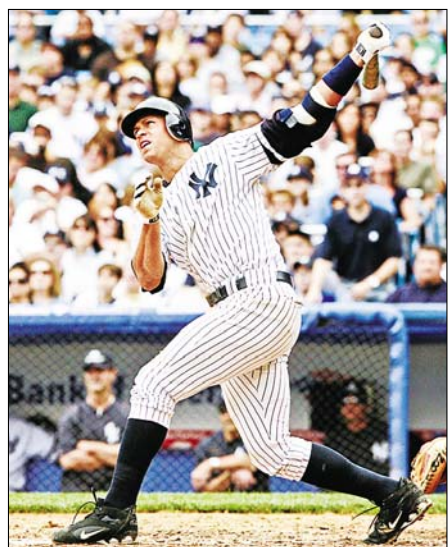
**PRINCE FIELDER, 1B, Brewers.** He is playing to get a monster contract next year in the land of cheese and beer.

**GRADY Sizemore, CF, Indians.** One of the best all-around players in the game—a five-stat guy.

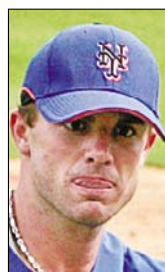
# 5 Steps To Fantasy Success

How to draft the team of your dreams

**Just because Roger Clemens** has made this offseason a nightmare for baseball officials doesn't mean the regular season can't still be a dream — at least for fantasy owners. Yes, it's that time again, when millions try to decode last year's stats to try to build an unstoppable (and un-juiceable) fantasy team. Few resources are more reliable this time of year than "Baseball Prospectus," and we recently picked the brain of editor Steven Goldman. Study up — Opening Day is less than two weeks from Sunday. MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



KATHY WILLENS/AP



Rodriguez, top, is the obvious No. 1 choice. But Wright is a decent consolation.

## 1 Find Your Cornerstone

It doesn't matter whether you love him or hate him. There is but one choice with the first pick in the draft: Alex Rodriguez. "Because fans and media are tied up on A-Rod's personality, we react to him more like he's Britney Spears or Lindsay Lohan than a great baseball player," Goldman said. Rodriguez (54 homers, 156 RBI last year) has put up at least 35 home runs and 100 RBI every year since 1997. If you can't get A-Rod, the other New York 3B, David Wright, is the next best thing.

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## 2 Eyeing the Tigers

There are enough Michigan alumni in the area that you are bound to find at least one person ready to draft all Tigers and see how that plays out. While not practical, it's not the worst idea in the world to grab as many players from that potent offense as possible. Goldman likes Detroit's chances but warns that Magglio Ordonez probably won't hit .360 again this year, and Ivan Rodriguez's best days are long gone. "The resemblance to the 1927 Yankees is a bit exaggerated," said Goldman.



Be careful going too high to draft Rodriguez, above, or Ordonez, right.



ORLIN WAGNER/AP; DUANE BURLISON/AP

## 4 All-Century Team

If there is such a thing as destiny or fate, then this is the Cubs' year. Chicagoans have been saying that for 100 years. The lovable losers haven't won the World Series since 1908, but Goldman says



Fukodome is expected to have a major impact.

there is a chance this year. Nats fans know all about Alfonso Soriano, who gains Japanese import Kosuke Fukodome as a teammate. And while expectations aren't quite at Dice-K's year-ago level, the right fielder's projections are off the charts.



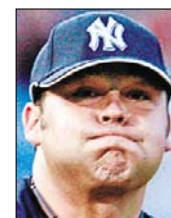
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## 5 Mets' Mess

For all the good news the Mets have — acquiring Johan Santana, left, for instance — there is plenty of discouraging news. "The Mets, as a team, are about 600 years old," quipped Goldman. Octogenarians Carlos Beltran, Carlos Delgado, Pedro Martinez and Orlando Hernandez are sure bets to join the already-injured Moises Alou on the disabled list at least once this year. As for Santana, Goldman says, the former Twin may not last the entirety of his seven-year contract, but, right now, he is as good as there is in the game.



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The talent of Buchholz, top, and Chamberlin is unquestioned.

## The Young Guns

**3** Rarely do you find three talented but inexperienced pitchers as highly touted as the Red Sox's Clay Buchholz and the Yankees' duo of Phil Hughes and Joba Chamberlain. Ability isn't the issue for the trio, Goldman said, but rather how they are used. "For the past 30-some years, there has been this organizational distrust of young pitchers," Goldman said, referring to the Yankees' chronic misuse of talents. The Red Sox used patience last year with their would-be ace, which may benefit him in the long run.



**TOM GLAVINE, SP, Braves.** The dishes are done, man.

**ALBERT PUJOLS, 1B, Cardinals.** Injuries will keep this star from living up to first-round status this year.

**DANIEL CABRERA, SP, Orioles.** Wild thing, you make my heart cringe.

**CHAD CORDERO, RP, Nationals.** Which team will "The Chief" end up with in September?

**DEREK JETER, SS, Yankees.** His on-field intangibles don't show up on fantasy stats.

**ANDREW JONES, CF, Dodgers.** He'll hit some home runs, but that batting average keeps dropping.

**ANDY PETTITTE, SP, Yankees.** A clear conscience won't help with elbow problems.

**JAY BRUCE, CF, Reds.** Dusty Baker hates rookies — even one who will be great.

## Have More Fantasy Questions?

Steven Goldman will be at Politics & Prose on March 17 at 7 p.m., 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. Or go to Readexpress.com for a closer look at Goldman's talk with Express.



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Goalie Olie Kolzig, second from right, is congratulated by Cristobal Huet, right, and other teammates after the team's Wednesday night win, his 300th career victory.

## Real Competition In the Caps' Net

Kolzig proves he can still play — but is it too late for his team?

**CAPITALS** | Olie Kolzig insisted he wasn't finished, even when the Capitals traded for Montreal goaltender Cristobal Huet in late February.

So, even though reaching the 300-victory milestone — which Kolzig accomplished Wednesday — certainly suggests his stellar career is nearing its end, his performance since Huet's acquisition has given coach Bruce Boudreau plenty to think about in the season's final weeks.

What began as a goalie controversy has evolved into genuine competition, which is fortunate for a team with little time for distraction. The Caps (33-30-8), who host Atlanta Friday and Boston Sunday, face low playoff odds.

In a cluster of six Eastern clubs separated by six points, Washington is five points out of eighth place and must win nearly all its remaining 11 games to have a shot. While both Kolzig and Huet are bidding to be the Caps' current, and perhaps future, netminder, Carolina

(38-29-5) appears to have locked up the division crown.

"We need guys like [Kolzig] and Cristobal, two older goalies in their 30s, down the stretch," Boudreau said. "I think those are the kind of guys you can really ride, and we will ride both of them."

Both goalies will be unrestricted free agents this summer, and their futures may be tied to their performances over the next three weeks. Kolzig, 37, is making \$5.45 million this year and occasionally struggled to justify that salary, but his performance has picked up recently. He's 6-3-2 since February with a 2.18 goals-against average and a .923 save percentage in his past 12 games.

Huet, 32, makes "just" \$2.8 million and has played well in his four Caps starts, going 2-2-0 with a .925 save percentage and a 1.91 GAA.

"I'm sure it's not a good situation for everybody, but I'm happy to be here, and I'll try my best," he said. "We'll see what the coach decides, and, obviously, I have tons of respect for Olie. I'll just try to help the team when I'm asked to, and we'll see after that."

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# Rockets Shoot Up to No. 1 Spot

Houston goes for its 21st straight win on Friday vs. Charlotte

NBA | Tracy McGrady rose over an Atlanta defender, sank a 3-pointer and confidently backpedaled down the court after securing one more win for the Houston Rockets.

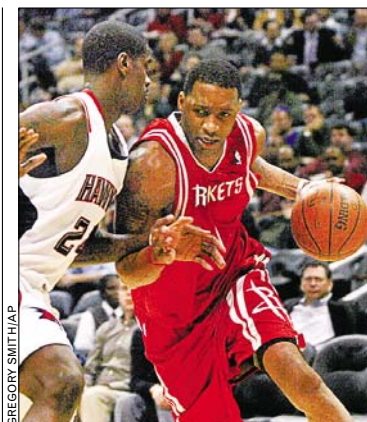
McGrady added two free throws to cap off Houston's 83-75 win, the Rockets' 20th consecutive victory. The seven-time All-Star is making a case for MVP as the Rockets have matched the second-longest win streak in NBA history and marched to the top of the standings.

Houston goes for 21 in a row against Charlotte on Friday.

"Not too many people have accomplished what we've accomplished," McGrady said. "Twenty years from now, somebody will possibly be in the same breath as us and mention our name."

McGrady has averaged 21 points, five rebounds and six assists during the streak, but he's hardly carried the Rockets alone.

Point guard Rafer Alston has averaged 15 points and seven assists.



Tracy McGrady has averaged 21 points per game during the recent streak.

Shane Battier has averaged 10 points and 5.5 rebounds and shot 41 percent from 3-point range. Forward Luis Scola has averaged 11.5 points and seven rebounds, filling the void left when Yao Ming sustained a season-ending foot injury.

McGrady keeps hearing critics say the Rockets have no chance at still winning without Yao. That just gives McGrady more incentive.

"We're a great team with him, we're a great team without him," McGrady said. "That's just what I believe." CHRIS DUNCAN (AP)

## FSU Beats Wake In ACC Tourney

COLLEGE HOOPS | Jason Rich scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half Thursday to lead Florida State past Wake Forest 70-60 in the first round of the ACC tournament.

Ralph Mims added 16 points for the ninth-seeded Seminoles (19-13), who shot 45 percent to win their league tournament opener for the

second straight year. Once again, their reward is a quarterfinal matchup with top-seeded North Carolina on Friday.

Jeff Teague scored 15 points to lead Wake Forest (17-13), which trailed almost the entire way after winning both regular-season meetings by an average of 12.5 points. (AP)

**Late game:** Maryland's first-round ACC game ended after Express' deadline. For results | Today's Post, Sports

## No. 10 Xavier Rolls Through Dayton

COLLEGE HOOPS | Josh Duncan scored 16 points and No. 10 Xavier limited Dayton to five baskets in the final 12 minutes for a 74-65 victory in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 tournament Thursday.

Five players scored in double dig-

its as the top-seeded Musketeers (27-5) beat Dayton (21-10) for the third time this season.

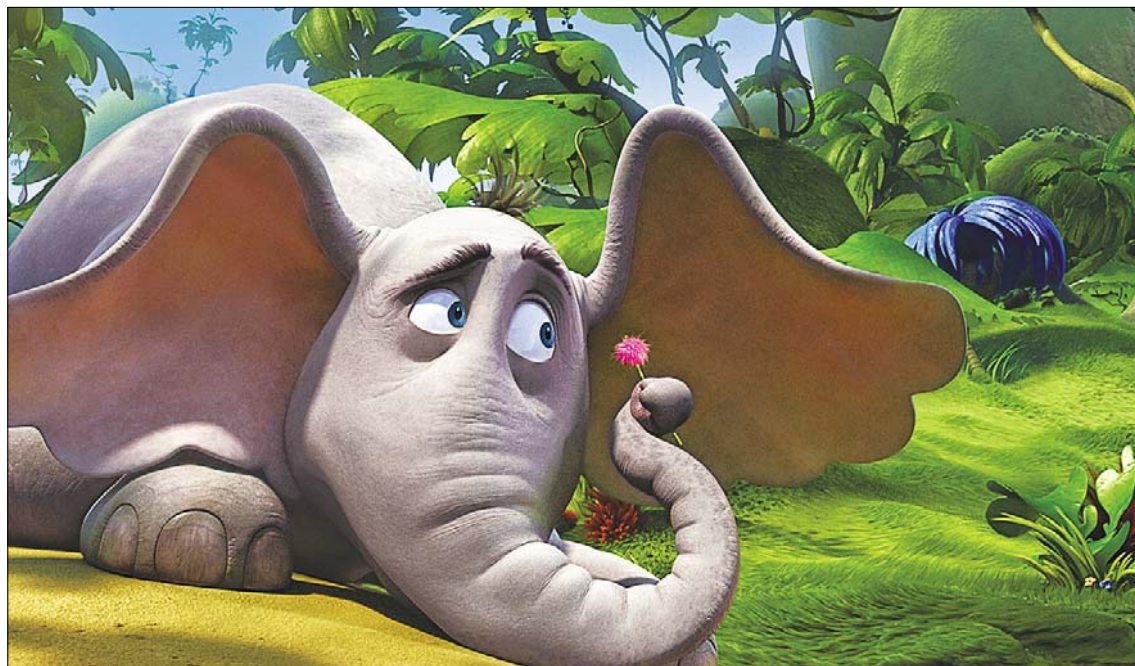
The Musketeers advanced to the semifinals of the conference tournament for the seventh straight year. (AP)



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**Seeing Green:** St. Patrick's Day hijinks take over the region, including a performance from D.C.'s premier Celtic-rock band, Scythian. | 21

# Entertainment Weekend



**WHO-VILLE IS LOVELY THIS TIME OF YEAR:** Horton hears creatures in the clover in Blue Sky Studios' animated fantasy.

## Small World

**The elephant in the room is hype, but 'Horton' still charms**

**FILM** | Horton may hear a Who, but the rest of us may hear a lot of hoopla, and it's not all the charming sort you would expect from a benign Seussian world.

"Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a

Who!" succeeds to a point in putting the Hollywood spin on Theodor S. Geisel's beloved children's book about an elephant defending a microscopic civilization.

Very young children will find plenty to giggle over in the manic slapstick of this latest computer-animated adventure from Blue Sky Studios, the outfit behind the "Ice Age" flicks. And Blue Sky's cre-

ations are a solid transmutation of Seuss' odd storybook world into digital images. Seuss' rhymes generally give way to loud pratfall nonsense, though, as the filmmakers stretch a thin, thin story to fit a feature-length movie.

The result is more amiable than the live-action "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," starring Jim Carrey, who returns to Who-

Ville this time as the voice of Horton the elephant. And "Horton" is a huge leap beyond the atrocious live-action "The Cat in the Hat" with Mike Myers. All three Seuss renderings share a common problem: The padding needed to take them to the big screen diminishes the story, leaving more to gawk at but less to savor.

Computer-animation veterans Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino, both making their directing debuts, quickly establish the colorful, carefree life in the jungle of Nool, where the happy Horton co-exists with a menagerie of strange critters, including the gabby mouse Morton (Seth Rogen).

The creatures of Nool live under the thumb of the self-righteous Kangaroo (Carol Burnett). Horton incurs the wrath and ridicule of Kangaroo as he insists he's made an astonishing discovery — an endangered land called Who-Ville that exists in a tiny speck resting on a clover.

There was barely material enough for the 1970 half-hour TV version of "Horton Hears a Who!," so imagine the stretching and stuffing that went into this.

Everything Horton does drags on rather tediously. Still, the animation itself is vibrant, occasionally dazzling, loaded with detail that helps bring the whimsy of Seuss' world to life. And then there's his moral: "A person's a person no matter how small."

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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Will love blossom at Shamrock Fest?

**Any truth to the rumor that Russell Crowe and Ben Affleck will be at Shamrock Fest?**

We've heard that Jimmy Kimmel will be in town, so stay tuned.

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## A Toy With a Mind of Its Own

**Stephen Chow stumbles with the sci-fi fantasy 'CJ7'**

**FILM** | As writer, director and star of the martial arts comedies "Shao-lin Soccer" and "Kung Fu Hustle," Hong Kong filmmaker Stephen Chow nimbly blended big kicks and broad yuks. Unfortunately, his new film, "CJ7," is as clumsy and awkward as his previous films were stylishly silly.

Chow plays Ti, a poor, widowed construction worker who plows every bit of his wages into sending his young son, Dicky (played by Xu Jiao, who is actually a girl), to a posh academy. The family's poverty makes Dicky a target for ridicule at school, but he bravely takes it and stands up for his father.

After an elitist classmate of Dicky brings a robotic toy dog called CJ1 to school and taunts Dicky's with it, Ti makes a nocturnal trip to the junkyard, hop-



Xu Jiao, left, and Zhang Yuqi in Stephen Chow's boy-meets-alien movie.

ing to find a useful substitute.

There, he stumbles across what looks like a Day-Glo green rubber ball with an antenna sticking out of the top and brings it home for his son. Dicky quickly discovers that the elastic object is something else entirely.

Chow deploys the same broad farce and special-effects-driven jokes that dominate his previous films, but here they often land clunkily or not at all.

KEVIN CRUST (LOS ANGELES TIMES)





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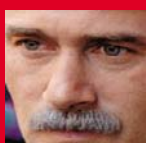
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**THE CLEAN-CUT FACE OF EVIL:** Anna (Naomi Watts) confronts her destiny in the form of polite, psychopathic Peter (Brady Corbet) in Michael Haneke's remake.

## Domestic Violence

**Michael Haneke's oddest horror show is enacted in English**

**FILM** | Here's what's funny about writer-director Michael Haneke's "Funny Games," a nearly identical English-language remake of his own 1997 thriller set in Austria: Haneke wants to condemn Hollywood pop culture for reveling in gratuitous, graphic violence, and he intentionally places the most brutal acts of his sadistic hostage drama just outside the frame. Yet the violence is completely germane to the story, and even though you can't see it, it still achieves the same unsettling effect.

This time, Naomi Watts and Tim Roth star as wealthy married couple Anna and George, who are on their way with their young son (Devon Gearhart) to their tasteful vacation home in an upscale waterfront community.

Soon after they arrive, the exceedingly polite Peter (Brady Corbet) shows up at the door in preppy

all-white and asks to borrow some eggs for a neighbor. Then his partner Paul (Michael Pitt) arrives, who is similarly dressed and just as creepily ingratiating.

Clearly, they're not there for the eggs.

We know their intentions are nefarious by their demeanor and the fact that they just won't leave, despite Anna and George's initially civilized, then increasingly insistent, suggestions. Yet they appear childlike, almost angelic. And the fact that they force Anna, George and little Georgie to play along with their contrived riddles and games indicates something twisted is going on, which amps up the intrigue.

Then Haneke ruins the effect about an hour in by having Pitt cheekily address the audience. Whatever sensation we'd been experiencing that we were privy to watching something weird and unexpected has just been shattered. Not only has he yanked us back to reality; he's made the film's shortcomings that much more obvious. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**





# Entertainment Weekend

## Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

### FRIDAY

Get St. Patrick's Day weekend off to a roaring start at **MCCXXIII**, where the Feeling Lucky, Punk? party should be a little more populist than the lounge's usual "upscale" affairs. Hot 99.5 DJ Chris Styles spins hip-hop and top 40, and the St. Patrick's theme is all around: The bar serves green beer and green shooters, hosts will give away green beads, and you have to wear green to get into the VIP room, where Frederick Van Paernal is spinning trance and house. (Just leave the green sneakers at home.) RSVP at [nightlifeagency.com](http://nightlifeagency.com) for free admission before 11 p.m.

### SATURDAY

There are going to be piano fireworks beyond your wildest imagination Saturday night at **GLEN ECHO**. Two of the most renowned boogie pianists of their respective generations, Pinetop Perkins and Daryl Davis will work their magic, tick-



Still natty at 94, Pinetop Perkins accepted a Grammy earlier this year.

ling the ivories like few others can. Perkins was probably past his prime before any of us was born, but even in his 10th decade he can still work a crowd into a frenzy. And, after all, 99 percent of pianists would give a pinkie to even come close to Pinetop in his heyday. He's perhaps best known for his work with Chicago great Muddy Waters in the '70s, and he has been a regular on the touring circuit for decades; the old Wheaton club Twist and Shout was a favorite local haunt of his. Davis, then a young upstart who



A show by local Celtic rockers Scythian pretty much guarantees a good time.

made his name as Chuck Berry's go-to pianist, often shared local bills with Perkins. His style is the perfect combination of flash and substance, so don't be surprised to see the two greats square off or even share the same piano at points. As an added bonus, local bar band greats the Nighthawks and jump blues veteran Mitch Woods will also perform.

If you want a big St. Patrick's Day party — and we mean a really big St. Patrick's Day party — it doesn't get more over-the-top than Shamrock Fest at **RFK STADIUM**. The daylong festival includes more than 50 bands and DJs, from local Irish hotshots Scythian and the more traditional Flying Cows of Ventry to an all-star lineup of Dewey Beach favorites like Love Seed Mama Jump, Burnt Sien-na, Jimmie's Chicken Shack and Mr. Greengenes. (Bizarrely, the festival also features an hour-long set by the great trance/house DJ Paul Oakenfold, who can fill stadiums on his own, as well as Motley Crue drummer-turned-DJ Tommy Lee.)

You can stumble between bars and wait in endless lines outside bars celebrating St. Patrick's Day, or you can sit back and let the **BOOMERANG PARTY BUS** do all the work. Two crazy converted school buses will be making the rounds today, departing from Rumors and hitting mystery destinations that might just include the Irish Times, McFadden's or Mackey's, though you won't know where you're going until you're actually on the bus. The \$34 fee includes access to three or four bars, plus you get to skip the lines at every location. (That alone is worth the cost of admission.)

Most people will drink beer over the next few days, but **BOBBY LEW'S SALOON** is hosting an Irish whiskey toast in hopes of turning folks on to Ireland's other great drink. There will be a grand toast at 8 p.m. and \$3 Jameson shots all night, but you don't have to like the hard stuff to celebrate: from 6 to 10 p.m., the bar offers \$4 Guinness drafts, \$2 domestic beers and half-price appetizers.

### SUNDAY

The closing night of the D.C. Independent Film Festival ([dciff.org](http://dciff.org)) at George Washington University's **JACK MORTON AUDITORIUM** features the screening that we've been looking forward to all week: a preview of "Revolution Rock." The new documentary draws on concert and studio footage of the Clash recording "London Calling" and performing live at London dives and New York stadiums, and there's even a 1981 appearance on the Tom Snyder show. Tickets are \$10.

Travel around enough pubs in Ireland and the U.K. and you'll find yourself being challenged to a game of darts. It's only appropriate, then, that this weekend is Things to Do D.C.'s first Darts and Drafts tournament at the Pub Formerly Known as Ireland's Four Provinces (**IRELAND'S FOUR FIELDS**). The evening includes two hours of open bar on Irish beers, a selection of appetizers and the knock-out dart competition, which offers prizes for the winner, all included in the \$30 cover charge.

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# Weekend Entertainment

## Now Playing

**ATONEMENT** (R, 123 minutes) This film version of Ian McEwan's 2002 novel has achieved that to which every literary adaptation should aspire. It's 1935, and the Tallises have gathered for a quiet summer weekend. When Briony observes her beautiful sister, Cecilia (Keira Knightley), suddenly jump into a fountain while the caretaker's son, Robbie (James McAvoy), looks on, Briony doesn't see youthful impetuosity. She sees something forbidden and threatening, which is how she will read and report all that comes later. (AH)

**THE BAND'S VISIT** (PG-13, 89 minutes)

Israeli filmmaker Eran Kolirin's comedy was disqualified as a nominee for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar because it contained too much English. Audiences can see for themselves that this little film was robbed. It begins just as eight men arrive at an unnamed Israeli airport. They're on their way to a performance, but between their Arabic, broken English and nonexistent Hebrew, they wind up in a dusty desert backwater. Kolirin lets scenes unfold with few words and a multitude of gestures, resulting in a small masterpiece of quiet, physical comedy. (AH)

**THE BANK JOB** (R, 110 minutes) In the early 1970s, Terry (Jason Statham), owner of an unsuccessful car dealership in London, gets a tip from an old friend (Saffron Burrows) about a bank vault whose alarm system is temporarily disabled. But as he recruits a team to steal the valuables, he is unaware



**THERE'S BEEN A COMPLICATION:** Jason Statham and his crew attempt a complicated — and reckless — heist in the real-life-based thriller "The Bank Job."

of the Machiavellian hands at play. He is soon embroiled in a tragicomedy of errors. What makes director Roger Donaldson's movie greater than any heist fare is that this particular robbery really happened and that this episode illuminated an almost moral clash between the haves and the have-nots of Great Britain. It gives an extra dimension to our entertainment. (DT)

**BE KIND REWIND** (PG-13, 101 minutes) The films of Michel Gondry aren't for everyone, but viewers who vibe to his playful, cerebral, wildly imaginative sensibility might get a kick out of this story about a New Jersey slacker (Jack Black) who runs afoul of a power plant and becomes magnetized, unwittingly erases every tape in his neighborhood video store, then records over the tapes with condensed, low-tech reenacted versions of the movies. (AH)

**CARMEL** (PG, 95 minutes) This movie

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is set in a Beirut beauty salon where the shop's stylists and mostly female clientele process all of life's most important passages through their hair. Filmgoers are in for a big treat: Writer-director-star Nadine Labaki possesses an astute instinct for restraint that makes this movie smarter and more poignant than the average chick flick. She has surrounded herself with similarly appealing characters, including a Muslim bride with a taboo secret, an aging actress, a tomboyish shampoo expert and a gentle seamstress. (AH)

**CHICAGO 10** (R, 100 minutes) The chronicle of the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the notorious trial that followed brings to life one of the sorriest chapters in American cultural and political history. Cutting between the animated footage of the trial and searing images of the demonstrations and their tragic outcome, viewers are plunged into the anarchic, exhilarating, finally ambiguous world of 1968 America; the stroke of genius is the music, which includes a breathtaking use of Eminem's "Mosh." (AH)

**CLOVERFIELD** (PG-13, 85 minutes) In this thriller, our hero, as such, is Rob (Michael Stahl-David), who's being given a going-away party before his new job in Japan starts. Apparently miffed about not having been invited to the soiree, a lumbering-yet-slithering 90-foot tadpole starts lobbing bombs around Lower Manhattan. The destruction of the city is seen through the viewfinder of a partygoer's video camera, and at no time does he fail to keep an image on the screen. Projected on a building-size screen, the movie is a relentless exercise in visual disorientation, consisting of dialogue that consists largely of "OH, MY GOD!!" (JH)

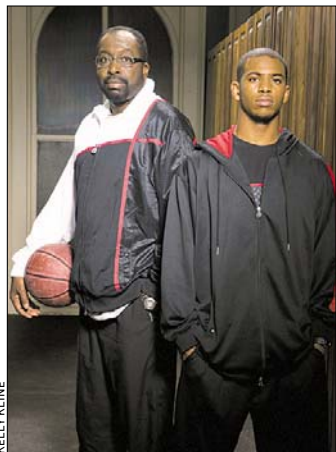
**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP** (G, 86 minutes) This movie ran out of ideas just after they came up with the title. Martin Lawrence's James wants his daughter (Raven-Symoné) unscathed by any of it. She wants to par-tay. Dad wants her to go to Northwestern; she wants to go to Georgetown. Eventually, however, he relents and agrees to drive her to Washington. Perhaps there will be people who do laugh at Lawrence and Raven-Symoné screaming in tandem, or mugging their way along every tortured mile of their road trip. (JA)

**DEFINITELY, MAYBE** (PG-13, 151 minutes) As our tale begins, Maya (Abigail Breslin) wants to know how her dad, soon-to-be-divorced Will Hayes (Ryan Reynolds), he met her mom and why it



**THAT KID'S GOT STYLE:** The dance melodrama "Step Up 2: The Streets" is silly and unconvincing in every way but one—the impressive, super-flexible dancing.

## Sunday in The Washington Post



### More Than Hoop Dreams:

ESPN's new documentary "Black Magic" looks at the battle for civil rights, as framed by college basketball. | *TVWeek*

**Bubbleheads:** Beer Madness ends in sudsy victory for 32 brews; also, ladies and gentlemen, the Presidents of the United States (the band). | *Sunday Source*

went wrong. So Will weaves a story that chronicles his history of female trouble, while she tries to figure it out. The filmmakers don't bother to adjust the film to the period with which they're concerned, or orient themselves at all. Of course, it's not the kind of movie concerned with character or verisimilitude. It's about love, dude. And I would have loved had it ended sooner. (JA)

**ENCHANTED** (PG, 107 minutes) This charming family comedy from Disney celebrates the princess cult it invented while skewering its most saccharin conventions. After an old-school animated opening sequence, replete with a singing maiden named Giselle, it turns into a live-action adventure in which Giselle, played by the winning Amy Adams, is banished by the prince's evil stepmother to -- eek! -- Manhattan. Giselle meets a divorce lawyer named Robert (Patrick Dempsey) and his 6-year-old daughter. Giselle eventually overcomes Robert's wariness and cynicism, even as she's being pursued by her brave but dim Prince Charming (James Marsden). This is a rare comedy that will appeal to the whole family, as it indulges in all the dreams of fairy-tale romance while making a few 21st-century adjustments. (AH)

**FOOL'S GOLD** (PG-13, 112 minutes)

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movie revolves around a quest for the fabled Queen's Dowry, gold and jewels meant to seal a royal marriage, which sank in the Caribbean in 1715. Tess (Kate Hudson) and Ben (Matthew McConaughey) have spent their entire marriage looking for the booty. Tess is a doctoral candidate in something — history? hair extensions? — and has had her life put on hold by Ben's passion for finding the Dowry. So they split up, and immediately get back together when Ben finally finds a substantial clue to what's down there, waiting. (JA)

**I AM LEGEND** (PG-13, 114 minutes) Based on Richard Matheson's 1954 novel of the same name, this movie is set in New York City in 2012, just after a virus appears to have wiped out the human race, leaving only Robert Neville (Will Smith) with his trusted dog and memories of his wife and daughter. The joy of the movie is watching the slow unfolding of this disaster zone and the likable Smith finding a way to live in it. But instead of maintaining its edgy sense of constant discomfort, the movie is compelled to make Neville as fuzzily adorable and messianic as possible. Heroes work better on their own, thank you, without studio hyperbole. (DT)

**IN BRUGES** (R, 107 minutes) Writer-director Martin McDonagh's first feature film is a dry, wine-dark comedy, powered by Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson, who play two wry Irish hit men named Ray and Ken. The pair find themselves in Bruges, the Flemish port city known for its medieval architecture and bell tower. Ken (Gleeson) is willing to make the best of it. Ray (Farrell), not so much. Ray may be restless, but it's his fault they're here: They have been remanded to Bruges by their boss, Harry (Ralph Fiennes), because when Ray murdered a priest outside a confessional, he also put a bullet in the head of a little boy at prayer. (JA)

**JUMPER** (PG-13, 88 minutes) This science-fiction fantasy, in which Hayden Christensen plays a young man with genetic teleporting powers that he uses for everything from robbing banks to scooting down the couch to grab the remote, is oddly inert. It suffers from long, talky sequences and a shocking lack of visual imagination. Part of the problem is Christensen, who has never managed to project anything but a sullen air of lazy entitlement. That persona actually fits his character, David Rice, who's a spoiled, petulant creep, so when he's visited by a mysterious stranger named Roland

(Samuel L. Jackson), who proceeds to beat the stuffing out of him, it's difficult to know whom to root for. (AH)

**JUNO** (PG-13, 91 minutes) When whip-smart teenager Juno (Ellen Page) becomes pregnant, the unplanned result of a quick liaison with boyfriend Paulie (Michael Cera), she decides to find a home for her baby. She meets a seemingly slick and perfect yuppie couple (Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman) who plan to give the child the life that Juno can't. Only superficially a teen comedy, the movie redounds with postmodern — but emotionally genuine — gravitas. What distinguishes it is its memorable banter among the characters, all of whom feel real. And let's not forget how funny the movie is, too. (DT)

**THE KITE RUNNER** (PG-13, 122 minutes) Khaled Hosseini's novel has been given the screen adaptation it richly deserves. Gorgeously filmed in California and China (which stands in for Afghanistan), the movie keeps things simple and elegant. Twelve-year-old Amir (Zekeria Ebrahimi) lives in a beautiful house. His best friend is Hassan (Ahmad Khan Mahmudzada),

the family servant's son. As the boys do what boys do in Kabul, including flying kites, they are routinely bullied by kids of the privileged sect to which Amir belongs. It's after one of Kabul's cherished "kite fighting" tournaments that Hassan runs afoul of some of those bullies, who brutally rape him. Amir looks on, and the ensuing shame will haunt him the rest of his life. For all the pain and loss, this is still a film of exhilarating, redemptive humanity, conveying enduring hope. (AH)

**LA VIE EN ROSE** (PG-13, 103 minutes) This sprawling and passionate film about the miserable life of French singing idol Edith Piaf ought to be a lousy movie. It commits too many of the sins of the hackneyed biopic about an artist, verging on melodrama at times while flirting with the dubious proposition that great pain drives great art. There are awful, silly scenes that ought to be on the cutting-room floor. But they work. Olivier Dahan's film is both faithful to and freewheeling with the facts of Piaf's life. Much is left out, but the essentials are there, and actress Marion Cotillard, who plays the adult Piaf, is dazzling. She



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loving her Piaf, wishing you could reach through the screen and steer her life a bit differently. (PHILIP KENNICOTT)

**MICHAEL CLAYTON** (R, 119 minutes) From its hushed opening sequences in a Manhattan law office late at night to its sleek, pared-down narrative style, this uncommonly intelligent thriller evokes the great films of the 1970s that managed to elicit gritty urban realism while maintaining a suave sense of style and moral complexity. George Clooney plays the title character, a "fixer" at a white shoe law firm, who finds himself enmeshed in a web of corporate intrigue, personal financial straits, madness and murder. The movie marks a return to the screen of intelligence, taste and class. Hallelujah, and hire the babysitter: It's grown-up time again at the movies. (AH)

**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY** (PG-13, 101 minutes) Set in 1930s London, the story of a dowdy governess who finds adventure and love when she works as a starlet's personal assistant for 24 hours is just the tonic for filmgoers eager for a film that celebrates the bearable lightness of being. Frances McDormand plays Guinevere Pettigrew, who, as the movie opens, is being summarily sacked. Director Bharat Nalluri jumps right into the action, sending Miss Pettigrew from firing to employment agency to the posh apartment of aspiring actress Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams) within scant minutes. For the rest of the film, Adams flirts, froths, simpers and sings her way into our hearts as a round-heeled woman with a heart of only-just-slightly-tarnished gold. The film's flaws are nothing compared with the pleasures it offers, chiefly in its unapologetic pursuit of old-fashioned sweetness and romance. (AH)

**NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN** (R, 120 minutes) Derived from the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name, this high-end "literary" thriller traffics as much in ideas as in thrills, sometimes to its own detriment. It follows as a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) out antelope-hunting comes across a Texas drug deal gone bad. Bodies, guns, blood, flies and folly are everywhere on the arid plains. Each figure is given, a la standard thriller operating procedure, a single moral or psychological attribute and then acts in accordance to that principle and nothing else. It's meant to be "ironic," with that big capital I. Instead it's unsatisfying, with a capital U. (SH)

**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL** (PG-13, 114 minutes) This movie is half a notch above a



**LIFE-CHANGING:** Drab Miss Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) blossoms under the care of movie star Delysia (Amy Adams).

shameless bodiceripper, starring Scarlett Johansson as Mary Boleyn, the "other" of the title, and Natalie Portman as her more famous sister. This Anne stops at nothing to secure that snug spot in His Majesty Henry VIII's (Eric Bana) four-poster bed. Her modus operandi includes sib-on-sib back-stabbing and even attempted incest with brother George (Jim Sturgess). All this to produce a male heir. There's a guilty pleasure to these and other soap-opera shenanigans, visually ennobled by the costumes and royal lifestyles. (DT)

**PENELOPE** (PG, 90 minutes) A witch placed a curse on Penelope's family that said their first-born daughter would be born with a pig face; the afflicted heiress (Christina Ricci) could shake off the curse, but only if she were accepted and loved by "one of her own." Anyone willing to tolerate the premise of the story will be paid off by several winning performances and a moral that makes most of the absurdity worthwhile. Penelope's mom (Catherine O'Hara) arranges for a parade of male suitors to call, each of whom wants the dowry but jumps out the window (literally) when he sees Penelope's face. Eager to get the story, a reporter hires dissipated blue-blood Max Campion (James McAvoy) to take Penelope's picture. Things, as they will in such stories, don't quite go according to plan. A story like this provides so many opportunities for snarky comments — about hamminess, or acting "chops,"

or reaping what you sow, or being the wurst movie of the year — but they just won't stick. (DT)

**THE PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING — A VEGGIE TALES MOVIE** (G, 84 minutes) This umpteenth entry in the 15-year-old

animated franchise and the first to forsake the Bible for Robert Louis Stevenson, is clever enough to keep adults entertained, even if the story is something of an antique. Dynastic intrigue. Adventure at sea. Imperiled maidens. Pirates who

say "Arrrrrr." Longtime fans know that the veggies play different roles in each story. In this one, the Helpseeker takes them, via magical rowboat, to the 1600s. The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything don't, in fact, do much. But at least they won't raise your cholesterol. (JA)

**SEMI-PRO** (R, 90 minutes) Someone looking exactly like Will Ferrell appears to be starring in this head-shaker of a comedy in which the actor plays Jackie Moon. Our hesitation to identify him as the genuinely funny star comes after seeing this actor's halfhearted, crude and only occasionally amusing performance. As the player, coach and owner of the Flint, Mich., Tropics, a team in the American Basketball Association, he's meant to be a comical sign of his times. But his 'fro, sweatband and tight pants are cosmetic affectations more than comic applications. The movie's R-rated material doesn't suit the Ferrell we have come to appreciate. That Ferrell brings a sort of bird-just-born innocence to his roles. He is a perpetual child who portrays an irrepressibly funny personality forever trying to come to grips with a complex world. André Benjamin, Woody Harrelson, Maura Tierney and David Koechner seem amazingly zombie-like here. (DT)

**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES** (PG, 97 minutes) This movie, based on a best-selling young people's novel, no doubt

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**YES, THAT'S DONNY OSMOND:** Martin Lawrence cruises in "College Road Trip."

the film makes you feel as though you're literally poking your head into another world. (DT)

**VANTAGE POINT** (PG-13, 90 minutes) The president of the United States (William Hurt) has come to Spain to make an announcement about the war on terror. Shots are fired. And then a huge explosion occurs in a city square, killing virtually no one — no one with a name in the credits, anyway — which allows the director to rewind the story's first 23 minutes and lay out the same scenario from a different point of view. And to do this multiple times. (JA)

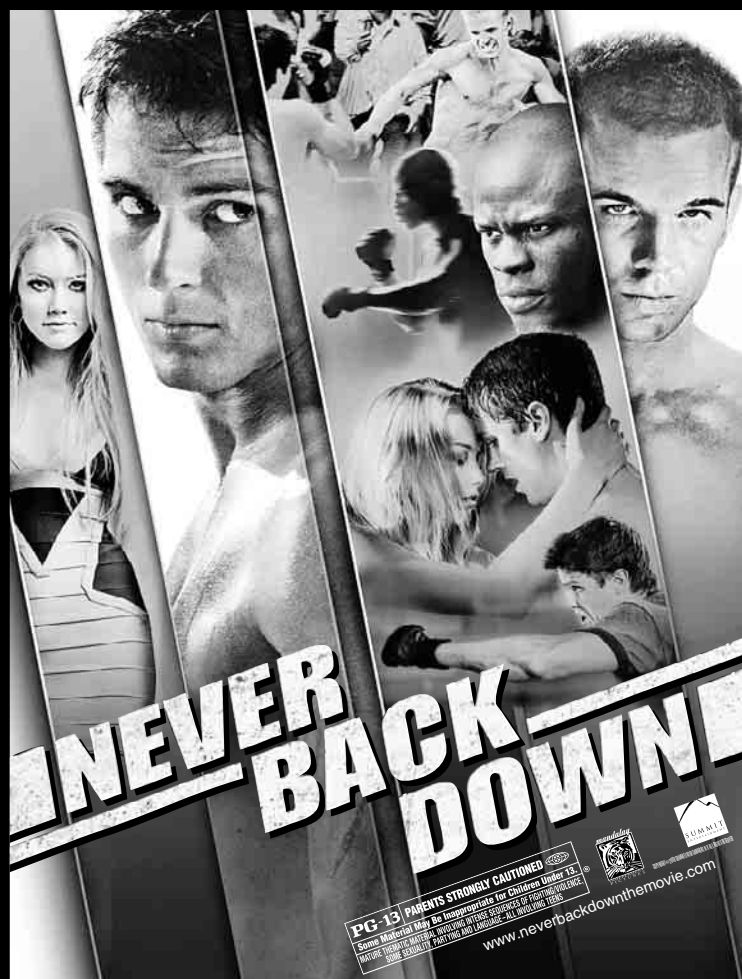
**WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS** (PG-13, 113 minutes) Martin Lawrence plays a

narcissistic talk show host begrudgingly attending a family reunion and running afoul of country kin, old flames and a nasty rival. The latter would be Clyde (Cedric the Entertainer), a cousin-cum-adopted-brother who beat him in everything as a kid and even stole his sweetheart. For Lawrence, this movie is the comedic equivalent of shooting catfish in a barrel — he builds an ensemble of clichéd archetypes, then reacts to them. (DT)

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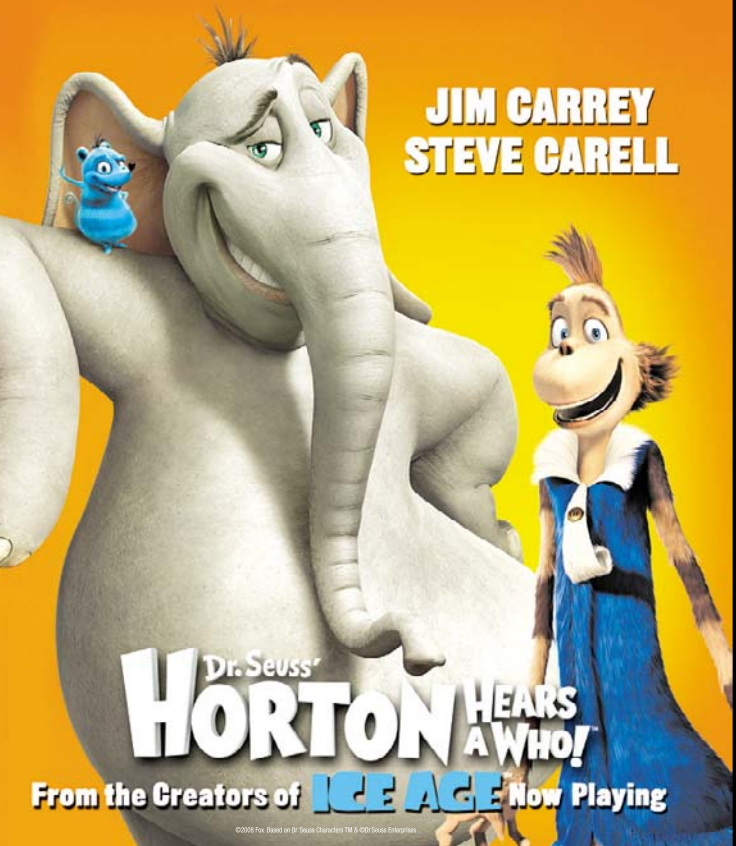
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### ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13

Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#

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### FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

DOOMSDAY (R) - ID REQ'D (120 355) 730 1010  
NEVER BACK DOWN (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1000  
10,000 BC - DP (PG-13) ★ (130 410) 710 950  
10,000 BC (PG-13) ★ (100 200 340 440) 640 740 920 1020  
COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G) (110 150 330 420) 630 720 900 940  
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D (115 435) 800  
SEMI-PRO (R) - ID REQ'D (140 400) 700 930  
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) (125 350) 650  
JUMPER (PG-13) (910) PM

### GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14

20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

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45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

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### UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

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### MANASSAS STADIUM 14

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### AMC HOFFMAN CENTER 22

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703-998-4AMC

#### DIGITAL PRESENTATION

**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** / (10:55 @ \$6), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:50  
**DOOMSDAY (R)** / (11:00 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20  
**DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO (G)** / (10:25, 11:25, 11:50 @ \$6), 12:15, 12:45, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:35, 7:05, 7:35, 8:05, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:20, 11:50  
**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** / 12:30, 3:35, 6:30, 9:25, 12:15  
**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** / (10:10, 11:45 @ \$6), 1:00, 2:45, 4:00, 5:45, 7:00, 8:45, 10:00, 11:35  
**THE BANK JOB (R)** / (10:20 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05  
**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)** / (10:30, 11:30 @ \$6), 1:10, 2:10, 3:40, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 9:50, 11:30, 12:10  
**SEMI-PRO (R)** / (10:40 @ \$6), 1:15, 3:55, 6:30, 9:30, 11:45  
**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** (10:15 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45  
**JUMPER (PG13)** (10:50 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:15, 6:40, 9:40, 11:55  
**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG)** (10:45 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:20, 7:05  
**STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13)** (10:05 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:15, 5:55, 8:40, 11:20  
**WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG13)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:50, 6:55, 10:15  
**CLOVERFIELD (PG13)** 4:05  
**AMC SELECT**  
**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG13)** / (11:20 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** (11:05 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** / (11:05 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35  
**BE KIND REWIND (PG13)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:35, 6:20, 9:20, 11:50  
**THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R)** 9:45 PM  
**JUNO (PG13)** (11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 9:55

### AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway  
703-998-4AMC

#### DIGITAL PRESENTATION

**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** (10:45 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45  
**DOOMSDAY (R)** (11:40 @ \$6), 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35  
**DOOMSDAY (R)** / (11:40 @ \$6), 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35  
**DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO (G)** (10:00, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:25, 2:40, 3:50, 5:05, 6:15, 7:30, 8:40, 9:55, 11:00  
**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** (10:10 @ \$6), 12:30, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20  
**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** 12:05, 2:50, 5:35, 8:20, 11:05  
**THE BANK JOB (R)** (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05  
**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)** (10:30 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30  
**SEMI-PRO (R)** (10:25 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20  
**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** (10:55 @ \$6), 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:30, 10:50  
**JUMPER (PG13)** (11:35 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00, 11:15  
**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG)** (11:15 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:05, 6:25, 8:50  
**STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13)** 11:10 PM  
**AMC SELECT**  
**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG13)** (11:45 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** (11:20 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25

### LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.  
202-342-6441

#### DIGITAL PRESENTATION

**DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO (G)** 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:00, 9:05, 11:15  
**DOOMSDAY (R)** 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 10:40  
**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40, 12:15  
**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15  
**THE BANK JOB (R)** 2:00, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00, 12:20  
**SEMI-PRO (R)** 12:00, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50, 12:00  
**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 9:55, 12:10  
**AMC SELECT**  
**FUNNY GAMES (R)** 12:40, 3:10, 5:35, 8:25, 11:10  
**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG13)** 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** 2:35, 5:20, 8:00, 10:45  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** / (11:15 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:05, 6:25, 8:50  
**BE KIND REWIND (PG13)** 12:05, 5:10, 10:50  
**IN BRUGES (R)** 1:50, 4:15, 6:50, 9:45, 12:05  
**NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R)** 1:20, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10  
**THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R)** 10:05 PM  
**ATONEMENT (R)** 2:20, 7:50  
**JUNO (PG13)** 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20

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### AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886  
703-998-4262

#### DIGITAL PRESENTATION

**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** / (10:35 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35  
**DOOMSDAY (R)** / (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00  
**DOOMSDAY (R)** / (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:00  
**DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO (G)** / (10:00, 10:45, 11:30 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:45, 9:30, 10:15, 11:00  
**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** / (10:10 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40  
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**THE BANK JOB (R)** / (11:10 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20  
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**SEMI-PRO (R)** (10:25 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:30  
**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** (10:20 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25  
**JUMPER (PG13)** (10:15 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:35, 10:10  
**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG)** (11:15 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:05  
**STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13)** 1:40, 6:55  
**WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG13)** (10:55 @ \$6), 4:10, 9:20  
**AMC SELECT**  
**FUNNY GAMES (R)** / (11:25 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:35  
**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG13)** / (10:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** (10:30 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05  
**BE KIND REWIND (PG13)** 9:25 PM

### AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.  
703-998-4AMC

**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** / 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40  
**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** / 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10  
**THE BANK JOB (R)** / 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30  
**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)** / 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:10  
**SEMI-PRO (R)** 12:50, 3:30, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20  
**DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13)** 7:10, 9:45  
**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG)** 12:00, 2:15, 4:30  
**CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R)** 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10:10

#### AMC SELECT

**IN BRUGES (R)** 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40  
**MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12**  
 800 Shopper's Way, Largo  
 301-324-4220

**DOOMSDAY (R)** 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO (G)** 12:05, 1:30, 2:30, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45  
**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** 1:05, 4:10, 7:05, 10:05  
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**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** / 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00  
**THE BANK JOB (R)** 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40  
**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)** 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15  
**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10  
**JUMPER (PG13)** 4:20, 6:50, 9:20  
**STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13)** 1:25  
**WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG13)** 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10

### LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph  
703-671-0910 801

**THE BAND'S VISIT (PG13)** 1:40, 3:50, 7:50, 9:50  
**AMC SELECT**  
**FUNNY GAMES (R)** 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30  
**SLEEPWALKING (NR-NOT RATED)** 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10  
**CJ7 (PG)** 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00  
**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG13)** 2:30, 4:50, 7:40, 9:40  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50  
**IN BRUGES (R)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:40

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**DOOMSDAY (R)** / 12:00, 2:25, 5:15, 7:50, 10:40, 12:55  
**DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO (G)** / (10:30, 11:40 @ \$6), 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:55, 7:00, 8:35, 9:35, 10:50, 11:50  
**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** / (11:15 @ \$6), 2:10, 5:00, 8:00, 10:55  
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**THE BANK JOB (R)** / (11:10 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:40, 7:45, 10:30, 12:45  
**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)** / (10:00 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:20, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20, 11:45  
**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** (10:35 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45, 12:40  
**JUMPER (PG13)** (10:05 @ \$6), 2:40, 7:30  
**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG)** 12:20, 5:10, 9:45  
**STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13)** (10:05 @ \$6), 2:50, 7:40

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**FUNNY GAMES (R)** / (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10, 12:45  
**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG13)** / (10:00 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:30, 5:05, 7:20, 9:50, 12:15  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** (11:20 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** / (11:20 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25  
**PENELOPE (PG)** (10:15 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:10, 9:25  
**BE KIND REWIND (PG13)** 12:25, 5:10, 10:00

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**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** / 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10  
**THE BANK JOB (R)** / 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:50  
**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)** / 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50  
**VANTAGE POINT (CLUB CINEMA) (PG13)** 7:50, 10:15  
**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** 2:40, 5:20  
**AMC SELECT**  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** 2:00, 4:40  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (CLUB CINEMA) (PG13)** 7:20, 10:00  
**PENELOPE (PG)** 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40

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**DOOMSDAY (R)** / (11:50 @ \$6), 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35  
**DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO (G)** / (10:30, 11:20 @ \$6), 12:10, 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:10, 3:50, 4:50, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9:30, 10:10, 10:50  
**NEVER BACK DOWN (PG13)** / (10:50 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15  
**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** / 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 11:00  
**10,000 B.C. (PG13)** / 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 11:00  
**THE BANK JOB (R)** / (11:15 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00  
**COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)** / (11:30 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:50, 2:50, 4:10, 5:10, 6:25, 7:30, 8:35, 9:50, 10:45  
**SEMI-PRO (R)** (10:40 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:35, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30  
**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** (11:55 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35  
**DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13)** 12:40, 7:35  
**JUMPER (PG13)** 3:25, 10:25  
**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG)** (10:35 @ \$6), 1:00, 3:30

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**CJ7 (PG)** (11:10 @ \$6), 1:25, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:40  
**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG13)** / (11:25 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45  
**THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13)** (10:45 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:15, 6:55, 9:55  
**PENELOPE (PG)** (10:55 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20  
**BE KIND REWIND (PG13)** 5:50, 8:25, 10:55

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**VANTAGE POINT (PG13)** 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20  
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12:25, 4:15, 7:55, 10:30  
\*COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)  
12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40  
\*10,000 BC (PG-13)  
12:20, 4:10, 7:15, 10:05  
\*THE BANK JOB (R)  
12:50, 4:05, 7:10, 10:00  
SEMI-PRO (R)  
12:30, 4:50, 8:00, 10:35  
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13)  
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JUMPER (PG-13)  
12:55, 3:50, 8:05, 10:45  
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS  
(PG-13)  
1:05, 4:35, 7:50, 10:25  
THE SPIDERWICK  
CHRONICLES (PG)  
12:35, 2:40, 7:35  
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE  
JENKINS (PG-13)  
1:00, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10  
THE EYE (PG-13)  
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4:30, 7:15, 9:30  
COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)  
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11:25, 2:05, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20  
\*DOOMSDAY (R)  
11:50, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35  
\*FUNNY GAMES U.S. (R)  
11:20, 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00  
\*10,000 BC (PG-13)  
11:35, 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 5:00, 6:25,  
7:30, 9:10, 10:05  
\*COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)  
11:10, 12:15, 1:15, 2:35, 3:30, 4:55,  
5:45, 7:00, 8:05, 9:15, 10:15  
\*THE BANK JOB (R)  
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55  
\*MISS PETTIGREW LIVES  
FOR A DAY (PG-13)  
12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05, 9:25  
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13)  
12:45, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:10  
SEMI-PRO (R)  
12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40  
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL  
(PG-13)  
11:00, 1:35, 4:15, 6:55, 9:35  
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS  
(PG-13)  
12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, 10:40  
JUMPER (PG-13)  
12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50  
IN BRUGES (R)  
12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:25  
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE  
JENKINS (PG-13)  
11:15, 1:50, 6:50  
THE SPIDERWICK  
CHRONICLES (PG)  
11:40, 2:00, 4:20, 6:45  
BE KIND REWIND (PG-13)  
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CLOVERFIELD (PG-13)  
9:20 PM

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COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)  
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HORTON HEARS A WHO ! (G)  
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JENKINS (PG-13)  
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(PG-13)  
12:20, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45  
SLEEPWALKING (R)  
2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50  
IN BRUGES (R)  
1:45, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35  
THE BAND'S VISIT (PG-13)  
12:35, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:55  
FIGHTING FOR LIFE (R)  
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13)  
1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 9:15  
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R)  
12:00, 6:15  
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R)  
3:20, 9:40

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HORTON HEARS A WHO ! (G)  
5:10, 7:25, 9:35  
PENELOPE (PG)  
5:20, 7:35, 9:35  
BE KIND REWIND (PG-13)  
5:05, 7:35, 9:55  
COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)  
5:20, 7:30, 9:40  
10,000 BC (PG-13)  
5:15, 7:25, 9:45  
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES  
(PG)  
9:25 PM  
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5:05, 7:15 PM

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COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)  
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00  
HORTON HEARS A WHO (G)  
12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:15  
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE  
JENKINS (PG-13)  
12:10, 2:35, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25  
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG-13)  
12:40, 4:45, 8:45  
SEMI-PRO (R) 2:45, 6:45, 10:50

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VANTAGE POINT (PG-13)  
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7:55, 9:30, 10:30  
\*COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)  
11:40, 2:10, 4:20, 6:55, 9:15  
\*THE BANK JOB (R)  
11:35, 2:20, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25  
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13)  
11:45, 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35  
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13)  
9:05 PM  
PENELOPE (PG)  
12:40, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
JUMPER (PG-13)  
12:20, 3:10, 5:25, 8:05, 10:15  
SEMI-PRO (R)  
12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50  
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG-13)  
11:55, 3:20, 7:05, 9:25  
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES  
(PG)  
11:25, 1:50, 4:15, 6:40  
JUNO (PG-13)  
12:10, 3:50, 7:25, 9:55  
FOOL'S GOLD (PG-13)  
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9:50, 12:05, 2:10, 4:25, 7:50, 9:40  
THE BAND'S VISIT (PG-13)  
10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:05, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00  
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13)  
9:55, 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:40, 9:50  
IN BRUGES (R)  
10:05, 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45  
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\*DOOMSDAY (R)  
12:50, 3:50, 7:20, 9:55  
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13)  
8:50 PM  
\*10,000 BC (PG-13)  
11:05, 12:05, 1:40, 2:40, 4:15, 5:15,  
7:00, 7:50, 9:40, 10:30  
\*THE BANK JOB (R)  
11:15, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05  
\*COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)  
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30  
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SEMI-PRO (R)  
12:40, 3:00, 7:55, 10:10  
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES  
(PG)  
1:05, 3:45, 6:30  
JUMPER (PG-13)  
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12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35  
CHICAGO 10 (R)  
1:30, 4:15, 7:30  
BE KIND REWIND (PG-13)  
10:00 PM  
FUNNY GAMES U.S. (R)  
1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45  
THE WITNESSES (NR)  
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55  
FIGHTING FOR LIFE (NR)  
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
THE BAND'S VISIT (PG-13)  
12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
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VANTAGE POINT (PG-13)  
12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:50, 10:10  
COVER (PG-13)  
11:55, 2:15, 4:35, 7:45, 9:50  
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**NERDS TO STAY UP LATE:** Ten "Battlestar Galactica" stars join David Letterman on Wednesday night to do his Top Ten countdown. Gimmicky? Sure, but "BSG" fans are sure to tune in to get their sci-fi fix before their beloved geekfest returns on April 4.

## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

WE WOULDN'T TRUST ONE

Paul Giamatti stars in the title role in the ambitious seven-part miniseries **JOHN ADAMS** (Sun., 8 p.m., HBO), based on the best-selling biography by David McCullough.

Over its seven installments, "Adams" captures one of history's great sagas: the revolt from England; the drafting of the Declaration of Independence; a long and bloody war; the birth of a republic and the hammering out of the Constitution; and the intense and often bitter rivalries between the men we've come to call the Founding Fathers.

## NOT EVEN AN 'A' FOR EFFORT

Less than the sum of its parts, **THE RETURN OF JEZEBEL JAMES** (Fri., 8 p.m., Fox), sinks under the weight of its contrived plot and

impressive pedigree.

**BUY A HOUSE — BUY TWO!**

**FLIP THIS HOUSE** (Sat., 11 p.m., A+E) enters its fourth season. Homeowners, speculators and renovators from San Antonio, New Haven, Atlanta and Los Angeles attempt to refurbish and resell houses at a profit in the teeth of a



Even Parker Posey and Alicia Witt can't get "Jezebel James" off the ground.

depressed market.

## A BEER IN A BIKINI = PERFECTION

Kathy Griffin hosts **WORLD'S FUNNIEST COMMERCIALS: HILARIOUS LIAISONS** (Sat., 8 p.m., TBS), an international sampling of more than 50 ads about love, dating and relationships. A depressing number of American ads imply that "real guys" prefer beer to intimacy and conversation.

## HALEY JOEL OSMENT HASN'T AGED A DAY IN 32 YEARS

Spellbound by violent coincidences, a diplomatic couple (Gregory Peck and Lee Remick) discover that their furtive adoption is anything but a Roman holiday in the 1976 demonic shocker **THE OMEN** (Fri., 8 p.m., AMC).

KINDA SAD FOR EVERYONE, HERE

James Caan returns to the mob genre in **WISEGAL** (Sat., 9 p.m., Lifetime). He plays a veteran crime boss who recruits

a smart and ambitious widow (Alyssa Milano) who has learned to make ends meet with a freelance career in cigarette smuggling. Jason Gedrick also stars as her mobbed-up boyfriend.

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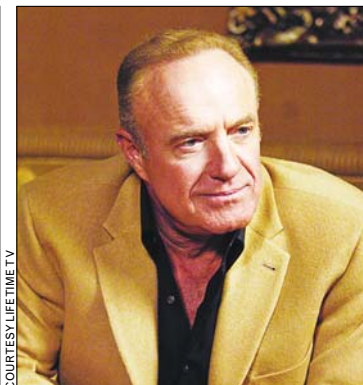
In **NICK NEWS PRESENTS: I'M AMERICAN! THEY'RE NOT!** (Sun., 9 p.m., Nickelodeon), kids discuss immigration and xenophobia with Linda Ellerbee.

## PROBLEM SOLVED!

Kevin Spacey and Uma Thurman host **NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CONCERT** (Sat., 8 p.m., MyNetwork) honoring Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Performers include Alicia Keys, Annie Lennox, Earth, Wind and Fire, and Melissa Etheridge.

THEY BOND OVER A SHARED  
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Melinda meets a young girl who may share



**'WISEGAL' NOT SMART:** Mr. Caan, are you sure you want to be doing this?

her gift for gabbing with the departed  
on **GHOST WHISPERER** (Fri., 9 p.m., CBS).

SEE 'MEN AND BEER,' ABOVE

Nordic beauties inspire debauchery on **UNHITCHED** (Sun., 9:30 p.m., Fox). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	WTTG	(5)	News (N)	TMZ (N) [CC]		The Simpsons [CC]	Seinfeld [CC]	The Return of Jezebel James "Pilot"						House Possible alien abduction. [CC]				News (N)			News (N)			TMZ [CC]	
	WJLA	(7)	News (N) [CC]	ABC Wld News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Crash Into Me"						20/20 [CC]				20/20 [CC]			News (N) [CC]			(35) Nightline (N)	
	WUSA	(9)	News (N) [CC]	Evening News		News	Entertainment	Price Is Right Spectacular						Ghost Whisperer [CC]				NUMB3RS "Breaking Point" [CC]			News (N) [CC]			Late Show	
	WDCA	(20)	Judge Judy (N) [CC]	Judge Joe Brown		College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal -- Duke vs. Georgia Tech or Virginia								College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal -- BC or Maryland vs. Clemson										To Be Announced	
	WMPT	(22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)			Business Rpt.	State Circle	Viewer Favorites																	
	WETA	(26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)			Washington Week					Bill Moyers Journal (N) [CC]				My Music: Doo Wop Love Songs							
	WHUT	(32)	White House	Tavis Smiley [CC]		BBC World News	Moneywise		Eve. Exchange					History Detectives [CC]				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley [CC]			Charlie Rose (N) [CC]			
WDCW	(50)	Family Guy [CC]	Two/Half Men		Girls High School Basketball: Virginia Group AAA Final			High School Basketball Virginia Group AAA Tournament Final -- Teams TBA. (Live) [CC]													Family Guy [CC]			Two/Half Men	
BASIC CABLE	A&E		Cold Case Files [CC]			CSI: Miami "Bait" [CC]				CSI: Miami "Shock" [CC]				CSI: Miami "Rampage" [CC]				CSI: Miami "One of Our Own" [CC]					The Sopranos "All Due Respect" [CC]		
	Animal		The Crocodile Hunter [CC]			Killer Bees: Taming the Swarm [CC]			Lemur Kingdom	Lemur Kingdom			Chimp Eden	Clinically Wild				Animal Cops Houston [CC]			Lemur Kingdom			Lemur Kingdom	
	BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)			Hell Date Special			College Hill	College Hill			College Hill: Class Reunion (Part 2)				*** "Hustle & Flow" (2005, Drama) Terrence Howard. Premiere. [CC]								
	Bravo		20 Most Outrageous Bravo Moments			Work Out 3			Real Housewives of NYC	Real Housewives of NYC			Top Chef [CC]				*** "Patriot Games" (1992) Harrison Ford. [CC]								
	Comedy		(4:30) *** "Bandits" (2001) [CC]			Scrubs [CC]	Scrubs [CC]		Daily Show	Colbert Report			Futurama [CC]	Futurama [CC]			Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents			Tommy Tiernan: Something Mental				
	Court		World's Wildest Police Videos [CC]			Cops [CC]	Cops "Las Vegas"		American Jail	American Jail			Forensic Files	Forensic Files			Forensic Files	Forensic Files			Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice				
	Discovery		Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab [CC]		How It's Made	How It's Made		Survivorman [CC]				Man vs. Wild "Patagonia" [CC]				Storm Chasers				MythBusters "Concrete Glider" [CC]				
	DISCH		Code Blue "Medicine and Miracles"			Trauma: Life in the ER "Aloha Spirits"			Diagnosis X "Shattered"				Skeleton Stories [CC]				Diagnosis: Unknown [CC]				Diagnosis X "Shattered"				
	Disney		Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody		Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody		*** "Sky High" (2005, Comedy) Michael Angarano, Kurt Russell. [CC]								That's So Raven	Life With Derek			Zack & Cody			Hannah Montana	
	E!		Zellweger THS	Chelsea Lately		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)		Pop Fiction	Rock Star Wives: The E! True Hollywood Story [CC]							The Soup (N)	Snoop Father			E! News			Chelsea Lately	
	FX		That '70s Show	That '70s Show		*** "Cradle 2 the Grave" (2003, Action) Jet Li, DMX, Anthony Anderson.			*** "Kiss of the Dragon" (2001, Action) Jet Li, Bridget Fonda.												Dirt Lucy demands answers.				
	HGTV		Extreme Homes	If Walls Could		House Worth?	House Hunters		Designed to Sell	Desperate Spaces			Color Correction	Find Your Style				House Hunters	House Hunters			Get It Sold			Parents House
	Family		8 Simple Rules [CC]	8 Simple Rules [CC]		Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life		*** "The Cutting Edge" (1992) D.B. Sweeney, Moira Kelly, Roy Dotrice. [CC]								America's Funniest Home Videos [CC]				The 700 Club [CC]				
	History		True Crime "Blow" [CC]			Modern Marvels: Oil [CC]			Modern Marvels: Bathroom Tech					Shockwave (N) [CC]				Battle 360 "Jaws of the Enemy" (N)				Dogfights "Secret Weapons" (N)			
	Lifetime		Reba [CC]	Reba "Invasion"		Still Standing [CC]	Still Standing [CC]		Reba [CC]	Reba [CC]				Your Mama Don't Dance (N) [CC]			*** "Come Early Morning" (2006) Ashley Judd, Jeffrey Donovan. [CC]								
	MTV		America's Best Dance Crew			America's Best Dance Crew			Rob & Big "Big	Rob & Big "Char				Rob & Big [CC]	Rob & Big [CC]			Real World -- Road Rules Challenge			Jackass [CC]			Jackass [CC]	
	NICK		SpongeBob	SpongeBob		Naked Brothers	Zoey 101 [CC]		H2O [CC]	H2O "Pool Party"				SpongeBob	SpongeBob			George Lopez [CC]	George Lopez [CC]			Home Improve.			Home Improve.
SCI FI		Stargate SG-1 "Scorched Earth" [CC]			Stargate SG-1 Mitchell disappears. [CC]			Jericho "Rogue River" [CC]					Jericho "Crossroads" [CC]				Jericho "Red Flag" [CC]			Jericho "Vox Populi" [CC]					
SPIKE		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]					World's Most Dangerous Animals II				World's Most Amazing Videos (N) [CC]				Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol				
TBS		Friends [CC]	Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond		Friends [CC]	Friends [CC]				* "Saving Silverman" (2001, Comedy) Jason Biggs, Steve Zahn. [CC]				Sex and the City	Sex and the City			Sex and the City				
TLC		Flip That House	Flip That House		What Not to Wear "Tamara" [CC]			The Secret Life of a Soccer Mom					What Not to Wear "Kathy G." (N)				10 Years Younger (N)				What Not to Wear "Kathy G." [CC]				
TNT		Law & Order "Gunshow" [CC]			Law & Order "Seer" [CC] (DVS)			*** "Glory Road" (2006) Josh Lucas. Premiere. A coach leads the first all-black NCAA team.					*** "Varsity Blues" (1999) James Van Der Beek. [CC]												
USA		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [CC]			Monk [CC]			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [CC]					Monk [CC]				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [CC]				House "Daddy's Boy" [CC]				
VHI		Rock of Love	Celebrity Fit Club "Boot Camp" [CC]			Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew [CC]							Best Week Ever	Free Radio (N) [CC]			Celebrity Fit Club "Boot Camp" [CC]				Best Week Ever			Celebrity Rehab	
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SPORTS	ESPN		SportsCenter (Live) [CC]			College Basketball Big East Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA. [CC]							College Basketball Big East Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA. (Live) [CC]											SportsCenter	
	ESPN2		Basketball	Update		College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal -- Duke vs. Georgia Tech or Virginia							College Basketball ACC Tournament Quarterfinal -- Boston College or Maryland vs. Clemson.											Gamenight	
	CSN		SportsNite [CC]	SportsNite [CC]		NHL Hockey Atlanta Thrashers at Washington Capitals. From Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.							SportsNite [CC]				SportsNite [CC]			College Basketball: Pac-10 Semifinal				Basketball	
NEWS	CNN		(4:00) The Situation Room			Lou Dobbs Tonight [CC]			CNN Election Center				Larry King Live [CC]				Anderson Cooper 360 [CC]								
	FNC		Special Report [CC]			The Fox Report With Shepard Smith			The O'Reilly Factor [CC]				Hannity & Colmes [CC]				On the Record-Van Susteren				The O'Reilly Factor				
	MSNBC		Tucker			Hardball [CC]			Countdown With Keith Olbermann				Lockup: San Quentin				Lockup: San Quentin				Gladiator Days: Prison Murder				
MOVIES	AMC		(5:30) *** "In the Line of Fire" (1993, Suspense) Clint Eastwood. 'R' [CC]						*** "The Omen" (1976, Horror) Gregory Peck, Lee Remick, David Warner. 'R' [CC]								*** "Damien: Omen II" (1978) William Holden. 'R' [CC]								
	TCM		(5:45) *** "El Dorado" (1967, Western) John Wayne. 'NR' [CC]						*** "Gaslight" (1944, Suspense) Charles Boyer. 'NR' [CC] (DVS)								*** "Bunny Lake Is Missing" (1965, Mystery) Laurence Olivier. 'NR'								
	HBO		Something New	(4:45) *** "The Fountain" (2006) Hugh Jackman. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]					Countdown	In Treatment [CC]	In Treatment (N)							The Wire Carcetti maps out a damage-control scenario.						Real Time	
	MAX		White Men	(4:45) *** "Just My Luck" (2006) Lindsay Lohan, Chris Pine. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]					* "Let's Go to Prison" (2006) Dax Shepard. [CC] 'R' [CC]								*** "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. [CC] 'R' [CC]								
	SHOW		* Kettle of Fish	*** "Barnyard: The Original Party Animals" (2006) 'PG'					*** "Last Holiday" (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah. iTV. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]								The L Word "Lifecycle" (iTV) [CC]				Mo'Nique: Your Cellmate				
	TMC		(5:30) * "A Night at the Roxbury"	"Sunday Driver" (2005) [CC] 'R' [CC]					*** "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006) Laurence Fishburne. [CC] 'PG' [CC]								*** "Return to Paradise" (1998, Drama) Vince Vaughn. [CC] 'R' [CC]								
	STARZ!		(4:45) *** "The Prestige" (2006)	*** "Stranger Than Fiction" (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]					*** "Ghost Rider" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]												Grindhouse Presents: Death Proof"				
ENCORE		(1:10) *** "Running Scared" (1986) Gregory Hines. [CC] 'R' [CC]						*** "The Illusionist" (2006, Mystery) Edward Norton. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]								(9:50) *** "Alien" (1979, Science Fiction) Tom Skerritt. [CC] 'R' [CC]									



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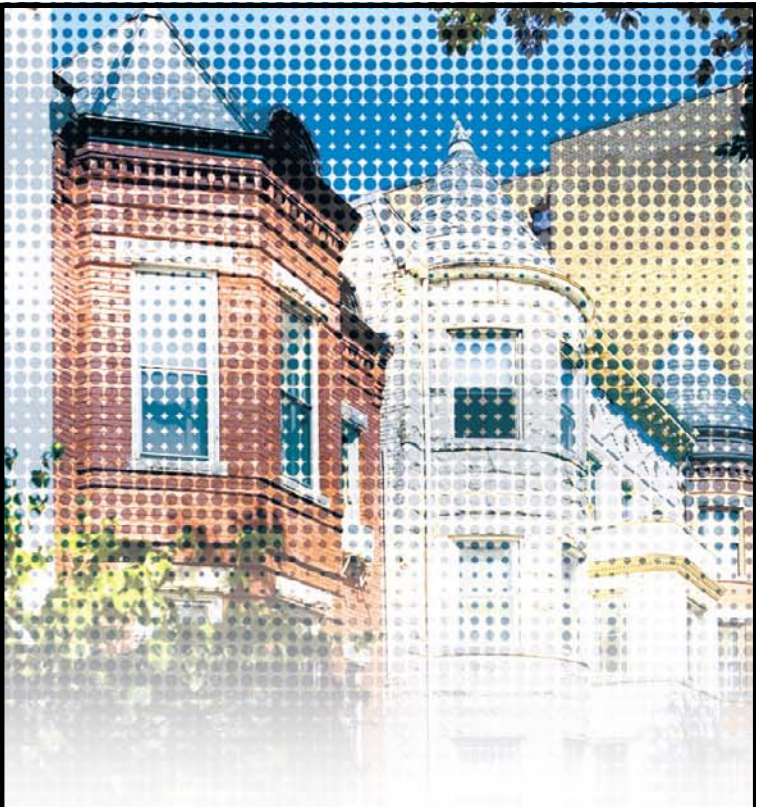
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#### Therapists become main characters in movies, TV shows

"You wanna talk about it?"

With that breezy mantra, the latest shrink to hit the pop culture scene stakes his claim to the inner yearnings of his patients. In this case he's a high school student, Charlie Bartlett, who in the teen flick of the same name goes from lonely new kid to big man on campus by setting up a psychopharmacology practice in a bathroom stall.

Is this the year of the therapist in Hollywood? Sure, psychiatrists, psychoanalysts and psychologists have been fixtures in our popular entertainment through the ages. But often they've been silly caricatures on the sidelines, bumbling, repressed, even criminal. Or they've been a tired vehicle to quickly extract some deep thoughts from the main character.

Suddenly, though, it seems the fictional therapist has taken center stage. On the small screen, one of the most unusual series on television is HBO's "In Treatment," which centers not on the patient but on the doctor, Paul Weston.

And though Weston has his own problems, he's hardly bumbling or silly: Played by the contemplative,

sad-eyed Irish actor Gabriel Byrne, he's become a middle-aged sex symbol of sorts for series aficionados.

Then there's Anna Smudge. She's only 11, and she exists only in a sketch on the cover of "Anna Smudge: Professional Shrink," an upcoming book for tweens. Anna isn't just a shrink; she's the top shrink in Manhattan, who holds therapy sessions in a closet in the lobby of her apartment building.

A schoolgirl, a teenage boy, a sexy, introspective middle-aged man: These aren't exactly the stone-faced caricatures we've seen in decades past. What's going on?

"I think more and more people are feeling OK about therapy, and so it's become more socially relevant," says Gustin Nash, the 31-year-old writer of "Charlie Bartlett." Thus, he says, "it becomes both a target of satire and of serious treatment."

Not coincidentally, Nash is the son of a psychiatrist, who grew up knowing the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

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GUSTIN NASH,  
"CHARLIE BARTLETT" WRITER

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**OTHERS' DRAMA:** Blair Underwood, left, and Gabriel Byrne, right, are a patient and a shrink, respectively, on "In Treatment."

practically by heart.

In his film, Charlie, played by Anton Yelchin, has been kicked out of his elite private school for running a fake ID factory. Arriving at public school in a blazer, he's beaten up on the spot. Then he hits on a way to be popular.

With prescriptions issued freely by his own shrinks, he opens shop.

A little Ritalin, a little Prozac, and everyone loves him. When disaster nearly strikes, Charlie flushes away the pills. But it turns out the kids want therapy just the same. They DO want to talk about it.

"We were trying to say in the film that people drastically underestimate the value of talking and listening," Nash says.

That's an important message, says Dr. Susan Jaffe, a New York psychiatrist. She notes the current obsession with a "quick fix" and pill-popping. "You can't just medicate every problem," she says.

Talking and listening — that's pretty much all Dr. Weston does in "In Treatment," where he spends most of the time in his chair.

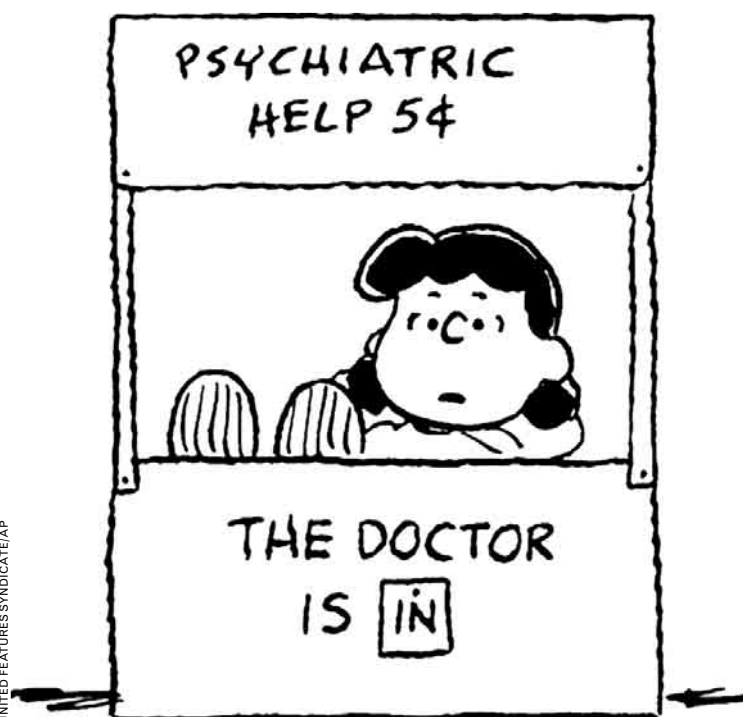
"Certainly, our culture has reached a height of voyeurism," says Rodrigo Garcia, head writer of the series and an executive producer, trying to explain the popularity of therapy-oriented themes. "Other people's business: What's more interesting than that?"

And yet, he says, without the right element of drama, plus good writing, pure voyeurism loses its appeal quickly. What injects real drama into "In Treatment" — adapted closely from a hit series in Israel — is the turmoil Dr. Weston experiences after a female patient declares she's in love with him.

And therein lies the problem for many therapists, who would prefer to see a depiction of proper therapy.

But, of course, in the words of Dr. Jaffe, "Good therapy doesn't create very good drama."

JOCELYN NOVECK (AP)



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ART

### Mixed Media Messaging

For Nigeria-based sculptor El Anatsui, scrap metal and commercial cast-offs from the West are a tool for artistic expression and intercontinental dialogue. Johnathan Rickman spoke to Anatsui, whose solo exhibition, "Gawu," is at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art. | COMING UP



MUSIC

### Swamp Tech

Quintron and Miss Pussycat are a fantastical twosome who try to rescue concertgoers from the typical rock 'n' roll experience. The duo plays the Black Cat on Saturday, and Johnathan Rickman spoke to Miss Pussycat about her band's electronic garage-punk ruckus. | ONLINE NOW

SXSW 2008

### What Goes On

Katherine Silkaitis is covering the SXSW Music Festival, and her dispatch posted yesterday discusses the two new bands she's liked so far. For her latest post, Silkaitis woke up early to hear the festival's keynote speech by Lou Reed. | ONLINE NOW



## comment board

**“We don't need**

a car full of people with their elbows high in the air, shouting into their phones about which stop they're at or how bad their day was.”

**COMMENTER AMCSOLDIER**, WHO ADDED, “GET ON, SIT DOWN, SHUT UP. ... YOU'RE NOT THAT IMPORTANT; THE CALL CAN WAIT.”

**“If letting other**

carriers service Metro will bring guaranteed revenue, then I don't see anything wrong with it.”

**COMMENTER MJ**, WHO ADDED, “THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN RIDING THE TRAIN AND RIDING THE BUS, AND EVERYONE USES THEIR PHONES ON THE BUS.”



**“Only if it's limited** to text messages. It's nice to tell someone you're running late. It's not nice for me to hear about your newly diagnosed weird skin disease.”

**COMMENTER KERRY**, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “SHOULD METRO MAKE UNDERGROUND WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE AVAILABLE TO ALL RIDERS?”

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“Being a hipster used to be a way to get away from the mainstream. So, I find it ironic that hipsterdom has been co-opted by the mainstream.”

**ROOSHV.COM** WAS THROWN OFF BY THE SO-CALLED “IN” CROWD AT “MARVIN” ON 14TH STREET THIS WEEK, NOTING THAT THE AMBIENCE IS “[LIKE] YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE.”



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**“WHO WOULD CONSENT** to this? Only people who have nothing to hide. I hate the people who have nothing to hide, because they give everyone else a presumption of guilt.”

**WHYIHATEDC.BLOGSPOT.COM** IS LEARY OF D.C.'S NEW “SAFE HOMES INITIATIVE,” WHICH ALLOWS POLICE TO SEARCH HOMES AND SEIZE GUNS AND DRUGS WITH NO WARRANT IN EXCHANGE FOR AMNESTY.

**“INSTEAD OF WHINING** that it was time for sleeping, he sat bolt upright. Holding hands, we watched the show as Nutty McGee danced for the coppers. Watching people beg for a taser is about as close to romantic as we get.”

**POOFYGOO.BLOGSPOT.COM** HAD A MOMENT WITH HER BOYFRIEND AFTER WAKING HIM UP TO WATCH A DRUNK MAN CLAIM INSANITY TO GET OUT OF AN ARREST.

**“I DON'T LIKE** the idea of family reading my blog for several reasons. The more people that know about my blog, the less I can make fun of them.”

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**“He has 50 to 60 heroes in 14 cities right now doing what can only be described as God's work. ... [Is it] spring break already?”**

**THESUPERFICIAL.COM** IS APPARENTLY LOOKING FORWARD TO JOE FRANCIS' LATEST ENDEAVOR, A NEW “GIRLS GONE WILD” MAGAZINE, SET TO HIT NEWSSTANDS ON APRIL 15.



## Discussions

### Spitzer Scandal

**DR. JANET TAYLOR**, a psychiatrist at Harlem Hospital Center in New York City, was online Thursday to discuss the scandal involving New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer and how a family copes.



**How common is infidelity in marriages today? What percentage of men cheat versus percentage of women?**

No one knows for sure. Estimates range geographically, country by country and state by state. I have

seen stats that indicate that in the U.S. up to 30 percent of women cheat and 45 to 50 percent of men cheat.

**Why would a woman like Silda stand behind him?**

I am imagining that you're asking that because Silda is a professional woman and well-educated, with numerous options. She is also a woman who presumably loves her husband. She looks hurt, confused and is probably not sure of her next move. It is not clear whether Silda knew the extent of his activities. The kids probably were told on Sunday. If I were Silda, I would let all of the information come in, settle down, take care of myself and my children and then decide what I can live with.

**Can you please comment on the millions of sexless marriages in America and how the pressures on political couples to stay in them may lead to this type of thing?**

I heard today that there are 40 million Americans who are in sexless relationships. That said, there are certain CEOs whose business acumen is judged on their morals, values and ability to be consistent with “happy, perfect” lives and families. This does put pressure on them to keep the status quo and not be open with family conflicts.

**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** On the verge of Selection Sunday, Eric Prisbell and Adam Kilgore take questions about college basketball at noon. [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

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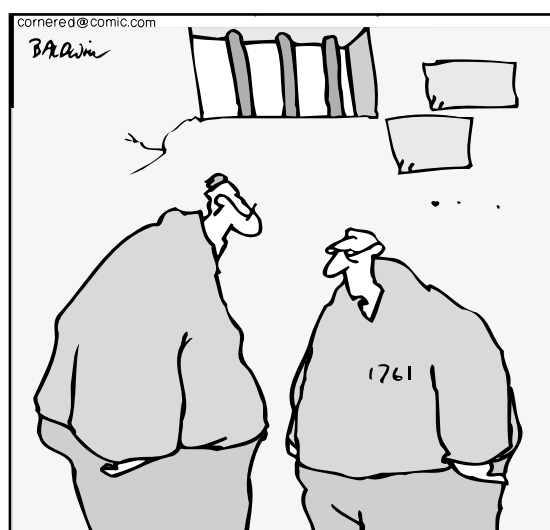
**CONSIDER TAKING METRO TO SEE THE POPE.** Metro plans to run extra trains to help a huge crowd attend the papal Mass at Nationals Park on April 17. The transit agency says it expects to carry at least 25,000 people early that day to hear Pope Benedict XVI at the 10 a.m. event.



## Bizarro | Dan Piraro

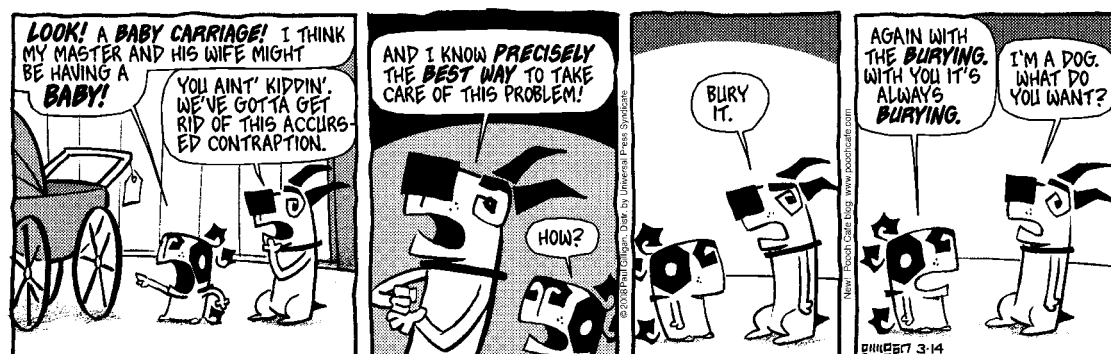


## Cornered | Mike Baldwin

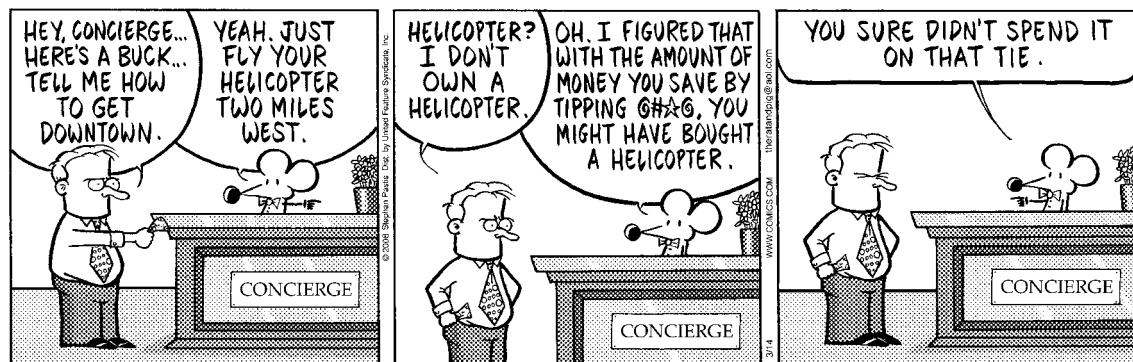


"It's not much of a story. Grew up dirt-poor. Started my own landscaping business. Stole some dirt."

## Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



## Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



## The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** A friend will be making the rules, but don't think that you'll be favored in any way. Be willing to do things by the book.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You are likely to find that you've been on the right track all along, despite your own real doubts and fears. Keep up the good work.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You may have trouble pulling yourself out of an emotional rut. Things are going well at work, but inside you're playing with fire.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You needn't spend a great deal of money in order to come up with something of value to offer a loved one. Use your imagination.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A mere acquaintance is likely to prove one of your most valuable supporters before the day is out. A close friendship may well be developing.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** How you face a personal emergency is likely to bring you to the attention of a family member who,

fortunately, has all the answers.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Romantic involvement is not advised — unless you are working to rekindle a past flame. In such a case, dramatic measures may be required.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** See if you can't be a little more accepting and tolerant. Believe it or not, there are those who have a little trouble with you, too.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You'll want more of the same once you get a taste of something new that comes your way. Remember, however, to employ self-discipline.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You're being too possessive, and a loved one is likely to accuse you of being overly sensitive and wholly unreasonable. Talk it out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your memory may actually deceive you, leading to a decision that others may find surprising, but that in the end proves valuable.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** A disappointment early in the day can become something to celebrate later on — believe it or not. All you need is a little faith — and patience.

## Letters

### More to Obama Than Race

**BARACK OBAMA'S SUCCESS** is one of the few things in the past few years that has actually made me proud of America, because it shows that most Americans now value the character of the man more than his skin color ("Ferraro Leaves Clinton Committee," March 13), and the ugliness of

our racial divide is largely behind us. Comments made by political leaders such as Hillary Rodham Clinton and Geraldine Ferraro demonstrate why it has taken so long.

—JIM GRUPE  
Washington, D.C.

### Correction:

An item on Thursday's People page about George Strait accidentally was accidentally accompanied by a photo of Kenny Chesney.

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## Today in History

**1794** Eli Whitney receives a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

**1883** German political philosopher Karl Marx dies in London.

**1964** A jury in Dallas finds Jack Ruby guilty of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

**1967** The body of President Kennedy is moved from

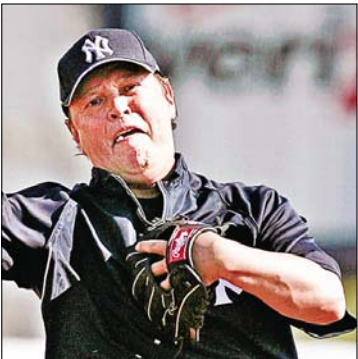
a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

**1991** A British court overturns the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

**2007** The Pentagon releases the transcript of a military hearing in which Khalid Sheikh Mohammed said he "was responsible for the 9/11 operation from A to Z."



LOOKout People



It's not funny to fake a heart attack.

**SPORTS**  
**Dismal Failure Still Comedic**  
**BILLY CRYSTAL** should stick to acting. The Oscar presenter struck out in his new career as a baseball player Thursday — and promptly struck out as the New York Yankees' new leadoff man. The Yankees lost 5-3 to Pittsburgh. (AP)

**TIRED**  
**China Sick of Swooning Over 'It Had to Be You'**



Censors prevented **HARRY CONNICK JR.** from giving "my fans in China the show I intended," he said Thursday. A bureaucratic mess-up required him to substitute several songs, E! Online reported. (EXPRESS)



**WORRIED**  
**Heather Is Fine**

Mass confusion ensued on Saturday night, as paramedics showed up at **HEATHER LOCKLEAR's** home after allegedly receiving two 911 calls from her psychiatrist saying Locklear was suicidal, E! Online reported. Paramedics left the scene satisfied nothing was wrong, and Locklear's rep denied that the actress ever needed or requested medical assistance. (EXPRESS)

**ACCOUNTING**  
**And That's Why You Should Use Quicken**  
**ARETHA FRANKLIN** could lose her home. The singer says an attorney's mistake caused her \$700,000 mansion in Detroit to slip into foreclosure over \$445 in 2005 taxes and late fees. The Detroit Free Press reports the Queen of Soul owes a total of



\$19,192 to her is like 0.00000001 cent to us.  
\$19,192 in back taxes through 2007. She says she plans to pay up and reclaim it by a March 31 deadline. A spokesman for the Wayne County treasurer's office says the foreclosure judgment for \$445 was entered earlier this month. (AP)

**COLLATERAL**  
**He Can Keep the Ranch But Probably Not His Soul**  
**MICHAEL JACKSON** has refinanced Neverland ranch in time to save his famed California spread from a public auction that was scheduled for later this month. Jackson attorney L. Londell McMillan said Thurs-



day that the star has worked out a "confidential" agreement with Fortress Investment Group. The deal allows him to retain ownership of the property in Los Olivos, Calif. (AP)

**COMEBACKS**  
**Britney Enjoys New Value As a Walk-on Sitcom Joke**  
**BRITNEY SPEARS** loves her new role on "How I Met Your Mother." "Working at 'How I Met Your Mother' has been so terrific," Spears said in a statement. "Everyone ... has been wonderful, and Abby is such a fun girl to play. I'm having a blast!" (AP)

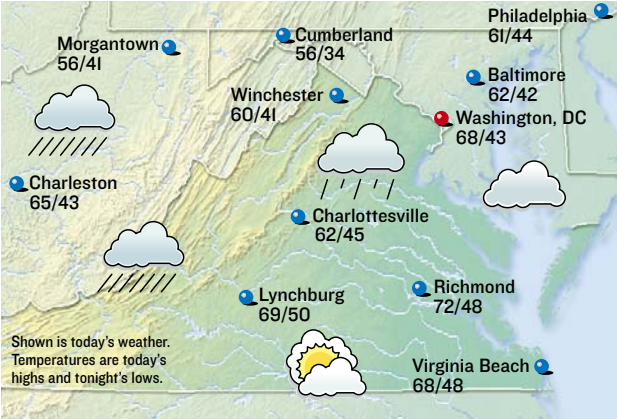


It took a LOT of hair spray to get that.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy, afternoon rain	Mostly cloudy, little rain	Mostly cloudy, afternoon rain	Decreasing clouds, breezy; cooler	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy, breezy
68°	43°	54° / 36°	46° / 31°	54° / 37°	55° / 41°

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.  
**Temperature**  
High ..... 59°  
Low ..... 36°  
Normal high ..... 55°  
Normal low ..... 36°  
Average humidity ..... 49%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. .... 0.00"  
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Normal month to date ..... 1.52"  
Year to date ..... 7.15"  
Last year to date ..... 5.68"  
Normal year to date ..... 7.47"

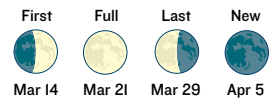
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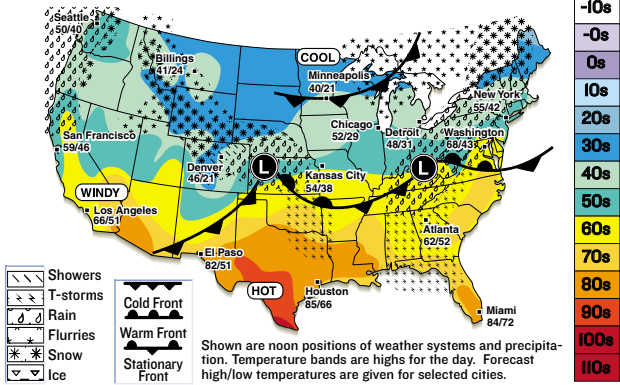
**D.C. Metro:** Today, mostly cloudy, afternoon rain. High 68. Wind south 4-8 mph. Tonight, rain early, mostly cloudy. Low 43.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 7:21 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 7:14 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 11:45 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 2:44 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, March 14



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	62/52/t	71/42/t
Boston	50/37/r	47/33/r
Chicago	52/29/c	41/24/c
Dallas	81/52/s	70/47/s
Denver	46/21/sh	45/22/pc
Honolulu	82/71/s	84/70/s
Los Angeles	66/51/pc	62/48/pc
Los Angeles	84/72/pc	87/71/s
Miami	55/42/r	51/37/c
New York City	79/68/t	86/63/s
Orlando	50/40/sh	49/38/c
Seattle		

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	50/36/pc	50/43/r
Athens	66/48/s	68/48/pc
Berlin	43/32/r	50/34/pc
Buenos Aires	79/61/pc	82/64/s
Calgary	34/19/c	33/20/pc
Dublin	46/41/r	48/41/r
Geneva	54/43/pc	63/48/pc
Moscow	43/32/sn	37/32/sn
Rome	63/41/s	64/46/pc
Sydney	81/65/s	82/63/s
Tokyo	57/51/r	61/49/sh

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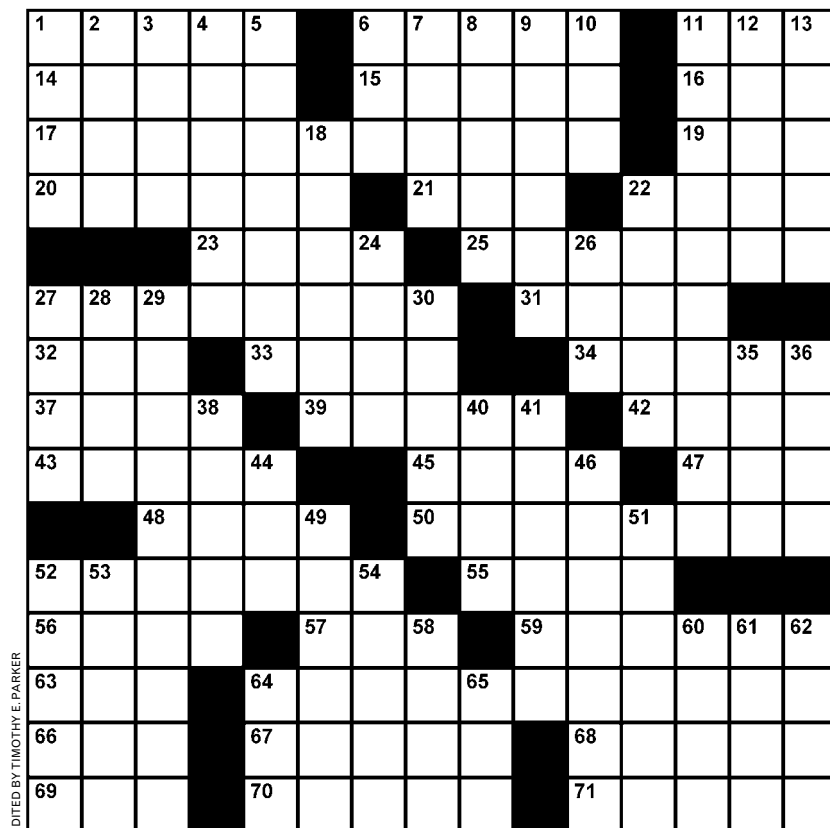
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11 Revolver popularizer  
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13 Baker's supply  
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24 Cyberclutter  
26 Chaucerian tale-teller  
27 Put the bracelets on  
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29 Good guy's transport, in Westerns  
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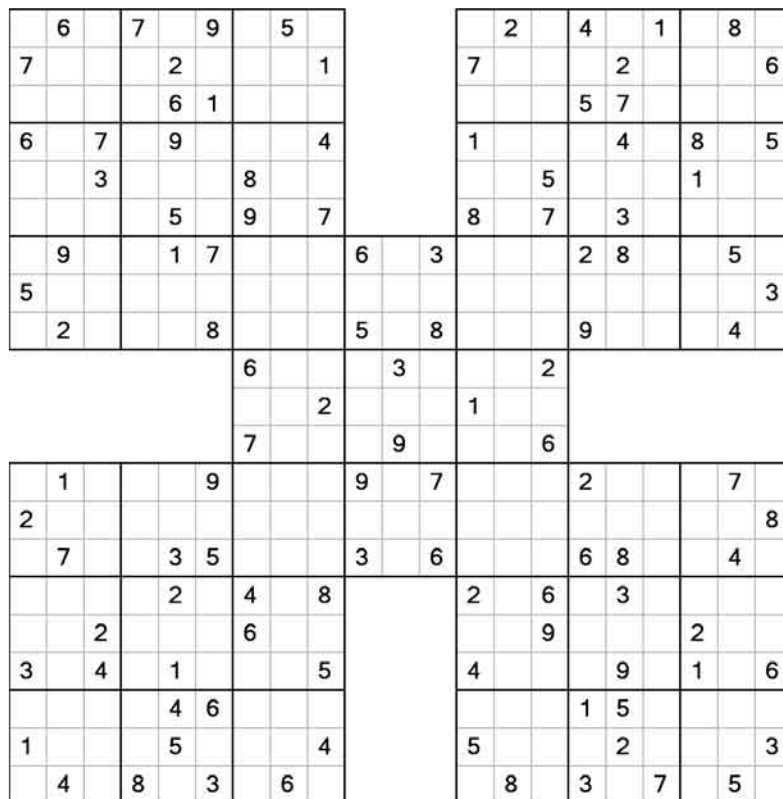
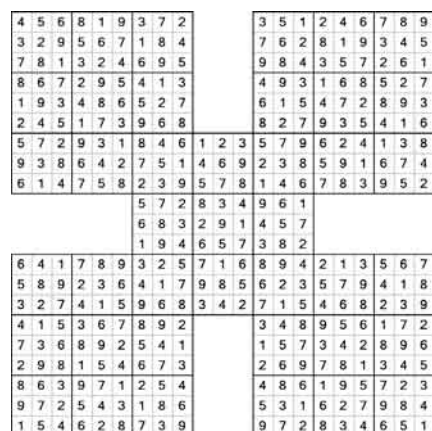
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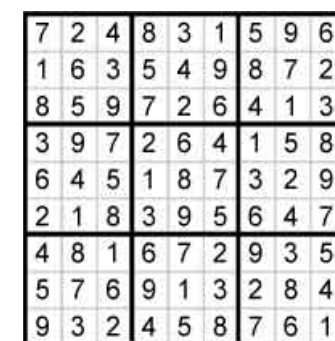
**Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.**

## Last Week's Solution



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## Yesterday's Solution



**Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)**

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# face<sup>QA</sup>time

■ **Boyishly hunky** actor Josh Charles scored fans as one of the quip-witted TV anchors on Aaron Sorkin's late, lamented sitcom "Sports Night." The Baltimore-born actor also has drama chops, as shown by his breakout turn in "Dead Poet's Society" and his current role as one of the patients on HBO's "In Treatment" (weeknights at 9:30 p.m.).

**The show depicts sessions with its characters and therapist Paul (Gabriel Byrne). Why do people like watching that?**

They're interested in other people's problems, and the way "In Treatment" is produced, it's like fly-on-the-wall eavesdropping.

**Your character, Jake, is in couples' therapy with his wife. What kind of stuff are they dealing with?**

Jake and his wife, Amy [Embeth Davidtz], have had fertility problems, and then she gets pregnant and doesn't know whether she wants the baby. We meet them in the middle of them figuring that out.

**Did doing the show make you feel like you were in therapy?**

It's uncomfortable stuff, things you

almost feel like you shouldn't watch. But I'm fascinated with psychotherapy. I've read a lot of the Jungian books. You learn so much about the human condition.

**You're a Baltimore boy. How often do you go home?**

I get back a lot to see my family. I get out on the Bay. My father has a boat, and we just cruise around.

**Any favorite hangouts?**

We'll go to Little Italy or Fells Point. And I was just in D.C. and went shopping in Georgetown. I'd not been there since I was a teenager, and it was cool to walk around.

**And you're a big fan of the Orioles and the Ravens?**

I like both teams. It's a little harder



ANDREW H. WALKER/GETTY IMAGES

## Josh Charles

ACTOR, FELLINI FAN, GUITAR PLAYER

at the moment to be an Orioles fan, but you've got to still believe.

**What's your pad like in New York?**

I have a loft, and it's about to be renovated. I want a really clean, modern look, as little clutter as possible. The older I get, the more I just want to throw everything away. I want jeans, a shirt, a pair of brown shoes and that's it. So, I'm trying

to keep the space fairly open but add an extra bathroom and put in a really nice Boffi kitchen.

**What'll you cook in there?**

I should learn how to cook! But I can cook breakfast. I do good eggs.

**Any prized possession in that loft?**

I'm a fan of Fellini and Italian movies in general. I've collected

"I play guitar. I'm not a brilliant musician, but I like old acoustic blues."

some really cool movie posters, and I'm looking forward to putting those up.

**What do you do when you aren't working?**

I play guitar. When I'm in L.A., I take lessons. I'm not a brilliant musician, but I like old acoustic blues. It's been fun diving into stuff by William Brown and Robert Johnson.

**What kind of guitar do you play?**

I try to find as many vintage guitars that are left-handed as I can. I have a really beautiful 1930s Gibson L-OO in black. And then I have a 1930s steel guitar that I had converted. They're, like, my prized possessions. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



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## 4 Steetwear Serenade

**A GUY** in Stockholm sports shorts, high-tops and a tweed cardigan. A babe in Milan (above) rocks a raspberry beret. Stylin' folks in New York, Paris and other fashion capitals headline on Scott Schuman's blog, the Sartorialist (thesartorialist.blogspot.com). Adamson Gallery (1515 14th St. NW; 202-232-0707) exhibits his prints March 15 to April 26.

## Swing It, Sister

**TOO FACED'S MOOD SWING** lip gloss (\$18.50, Toofaced.com) says it can tell whether you're jealous, angry, happy or in love. Yet the chart on the back refers only to the latter. For example, a legal pad was "Simply Smitten." (A Coke can, a computer monitor and a copy of Express were mood-free.) We chose a human tester with extreme mood lability, but the hue remained "Feelin' Frisky" after both sobbing and mild elation. So, it doesn't really tell your moods. Neither did mood rings, but people still wore them. What it DOES do is magically select a highly accurate shade of pink for varying skin tones.



## Grab Bag



## Wee Wittle Wii

**WATCH OUT!** Without the wrist strap, you could hurt yourself and others with this near-actual-size gum (or anything else) tin (\$3.50, Fractalspin.com). The buttons are even raised for authenticity. If you never win Wii Tennis, pick a clueless friend and hand him or her this; victory shall be yours at last!

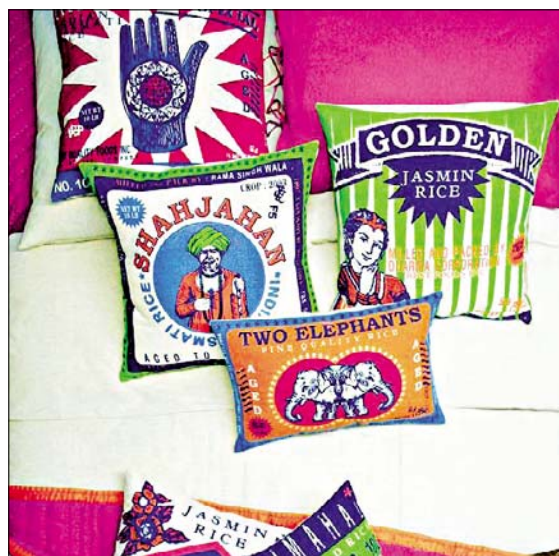
## 1 Eat by the Pint or Keg

**GUINNESS, BEAMISH** and other Irish stouts will gush into many mugs on March 17. But for a St. Pat's that's more soothing than stupor-inducing, Williams-Sonoma's new Irish Stout Braising Base (\$16, Williams-Sonoma stores) combines beer, tomatoes and spices in a simmer potion. Plopping it in a pot with a couple pounds of buffalo chuck meat made a tasty, pub-like stew, but we wished we'd added a bit of curry powder.

## 5

## Bollywood Squares

**ELEPHANTS, TURBANED** maharajahs and other designs used to sell rice in India decorate Koko's latest line of cotton throw pillows (\$54-\$66; 2modern.com). They come in subcontinental brights (orange, kiwi green) that would look great tossed on a sofa or bed in Dupont Circle or Delhi.



## dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOELOGGER

**As you know, Easter Sunday is coming soon, and I need a new pair of shoes suitable for the occasion. Can you recommend something that captures the joyfulness of the season?** — MARIA

How the Manolo loves the spring, when the flowers bloom, the birds sing, the bees buzz and the bridezilla rampage. It is the season of joy and shouting. Even better, spring is that season when the young Manolo's fancy turns to thoughts of shoes!



Happily, this year there are many seasonally appropriate shoes about which to think. Indeed, among the hottest trends of this new year are the colorful, bright and shiny shoes. All of the shoe stores are now completely full to the brim with marvelous patent leather shoes in reds, and yellows, greens, and pinks; truly, the entire rainbow of colors is available.

Of the course, Easter requires something in the pink, something that allows the toes to run riot in the open air, something like these coral, patent-leather, peep-toe pumps, the Ilga from the Bally (\$469, Zappos.com). Do they not fully express the happiness one experiences this time of the year?



Ask the Manolo a question at [manolo@shoeblogs.com](mailto:manolo@shoeblogs.com). Visit the Manolo at [shoeblogs.com](http://shoeblogs.com).

## ON THE COVER

Jennifer wears a Marimekko poncho (\$75, Marimekko, 8519 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 800-656-3587) and holds a Fred Flare umbrella (\$30; Fredflare.com). Model CIMA Talent Management. Hair and makeup by Debra Camille Scott/CIMA Talent Management. Photo by Marge Ely.



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# WEATHER

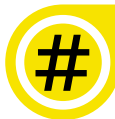
**Gray clouds and soggy skies don't have** to rain on your fashion parade. With all the hip-yet-monsoon-ready trench coats, groovy umbrellas and stompingly cool boots around, bad weather might just make you look good. Even higher-end designers (Chloe, Nanette Lepore) have gone out in the rain with way-beyond-Gorton's fisherman trenches in eye-popping hues. Such revved-up storm styles give "folks not otherwise comfortable with unusual prints or bold, bright colors a chance to go to town," says Marni Frankel, manager of Silver Spring's Marimekko. Add a pair of wild wellies and a 'brella with attitude, which Frankel thinks "gives bounce to your step on a rainy day." That should help you jump over all those pesky puddles. ASHLEY JOY PARKER







# OR NOT



(1) **Sizzle in the drizzle** wearing a big-cat print from L.A.M. B. by Gwen Stefani. (\$425, Nordstrom, Tysons Corner Center; 703-761-1121)

(2) **Hot pink vinyl, three-quarter sleeves** and a bow at the waist help Chloe's vixenish number channel "Sex and the City's" Samantha.

(\$1,970, Net-a-porter.com) (3) **Preppy and sailboat-ready**, Anthropologie's laminated canvas slicker bets on the sea horses. (\$128, Anthropologie.com)

(4) **Paddington Bear, meet Sgt. Pepper**. Marc by Marc Jacob's vintage-inspired mac comes in patent-like plastic. Pair it with other primaries — green galoshes, a royal blue brellly. (\$548, Nordstrom, Tysons Corner Center) (5) **A new twist** on the secret-agent trench, Ramosport's nylon topper boasts a subtle, raindrop-like pattern. (\$650, Ramosport.com) (6) **Wade and see**: J. Crew's playful polka-dot boots can trudge through puddles, oyster beds or mud. (\$65, Jcrew.com) (7) **Label lovers** can even wear their love for Juicy on a parasol that comes with a structured vinyl

case that's a fashion statement itself. (\$55, Nordstrom, Tysons Corner Center)

(8) **Buddha, a flamenco dancer, a geisha** — a cast of characters star on Pylones' whimsical umbrellas, which are so cute you'll never leave one on the Metro, at a bar or in a friend's car. (\$30 each, Fredflare.com)

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# B.I.O.

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## Christina Capacci, Furman Daniel

Both Christina, 27, and Furman, 27, are pursuing their Ph.D.s at Georgetown. They live in D.C.

- **The Main Event:** A Catholic wedding precedes a semiformal reception in D.C. on April 5.
- **Honeymoon:** They'll jet off to Venice before heading to Vienna, Austria.
- **How They Met:** Waiting in line for coffee at the first day of Georgetown grad school orientation in August 2005.
- **First Impressions:** "She was smart, beautiful and outgoing." "He was handsome, had a Southern accent and was

wearing a pink dress shirt — having lived in the Northwest for so long, it really stood out."

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Sushi Ko, followed by dessert at Cafe Bonaparte.

■ **How He Proposed:** Atop the Space Needle in Seattle on New Year's Day 2007. "He kept making me circle the observation deck so we could be alone," recalls Christina. "He found a clear area after the sun set and it got cold. He knelt down in a puddle."

■ **Their Song:** "The 'Blues Clues' theme song, because Furman changed the lyrics to 'I'm going to kiss Christina.'"

■ **Making It Unique:** Since they met in line for coffee, they will be giving their guests mugs and coffee from Christina's hometown of Juneau, Alaska.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "My dad will be my best man, because I was his best man at age 9 when he remarried."

"Six months in ... I realized we were the same kind of nerds."



## 'Gimme Gimme More?'

Even a troubled pop star's theatrics couldn't tear apart **JASON STEVENS** and **MONICA VERZOLA**. "When Britney Spears was starting to have her meltdown, we had a huge fight about whether it was her or the media's fault," says Monica. "We fought for hours. Our neighbors must have thought we were crazy!" This wasn't the first time their relationship had been put to the test. The duo immediately hit it off when a friend introduced them. But their first date had a cringe-worthy moment when she cooked a pasta and meat-sauce dinner. It turns out Jason's a vegetarian.

Not to worry, he says. "One of the greatest strengths of our relationship is how we both enjoy the simple pleasures of life together." Like when he popped the question on a low-key November evening with a glass of champagne. Their mellow outlook will be reflected in their small April 18 wedding at their Baltimore rowhouse. "There will be eight guests total," says Jason.

Jason, 34, is a managing director. Monica, 28, is a compensation analyst.



## Melissa Raiken, Ariel Siskind

Melissa, 25, is a law clerk. Ari, 25, is a consultant and a grad student. They live in Cleveland Park.

■ **The Main Event:** A traditional Jewish wedding followed by a black-tie reception in Livingston, N.J. The rabbi and cantor from Melissa's family's synagogue will officiate the April 6 nuptials.

■ **How They Met:** They were introduced by a mutual friend during their freshman year at George Washington University.

■ **First Date:** A year after they met, it was clear they were more than pals when they saw "Heist" together.

■ **How He Proposed:** When Melissa visited Ari for a July Fourth weekend when he was living in Chicago in 2006, she hoped "he would propose during

"We exclusively refer to each other by cutesy names. The list is too long to print."

the fireworks." Yet Ari was so excited, he popped the question the night she arrived. "I spread rose petals all over my room," he says. "When she came out of the bathroom, I was on one knee."

■ **When It Hit:** "Early in our relationship, Ari was thinking about med school," says Melissa. "I blurted out, 'I always wanted to marry a doctor!' I think that scared him a bit, but I knew he was the one."

■ **With An Infinite Budget ...** "I would ask the original members of Journey to reunite and sing 'Faithfully' for our first dance," says Ari.

## Michael Di Silvio, Rachel Haynes

Michael, 25, works for Fairfax County. Rachel, 24, is a consultant. They live in Fairfax.

■ **The Main Event:** A traditional ceremony followed by a small reception in Vienna, Va., on April 26. The senior pastor at Rachel's church will officiate.

■ **How They Met:** "I randomly bumped into a college friend at Jerry's Pizza," says Rachel. "He invited me to hang out with him and his roommate sometime." The

roomie turned out to be Michael, who she met out days later at Jammin' Java.

■ **First Impressions:**

"Wow, a trustworthy guy who actually respects me." "Here's a good looking girl who won't lie, cheat or steal. She's worth knowing."

■ **First Date:** A low-key evening of movie-watching and getting to know each other in Rachel's living room.



■ **How He Proposed:** On Christmas morning, Michael gave Rachel "a few small gifts — like pajama pants, a DVD and ... a ring." "I sat there staring at the

ring trying to figure out if I was still dreaming," says Rachel.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** Rachel says it's Michael's "sweat-stained hat that has never been washed."

■ **Their Song:** "Fools Rush In" by Elvis. "It's the song I would start singing when we would randomly slow-dance in the kitchen for no reason," says Michael.

■ **When It Hit:** While standing outside in the cold to watch a meteor shower, Rachel says, she was freezing her toes off. "But I knew there was no place I would rather be." For Michael, it was as early as the first couple weeks. "I pictured myself at 84, and she was next to me."



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